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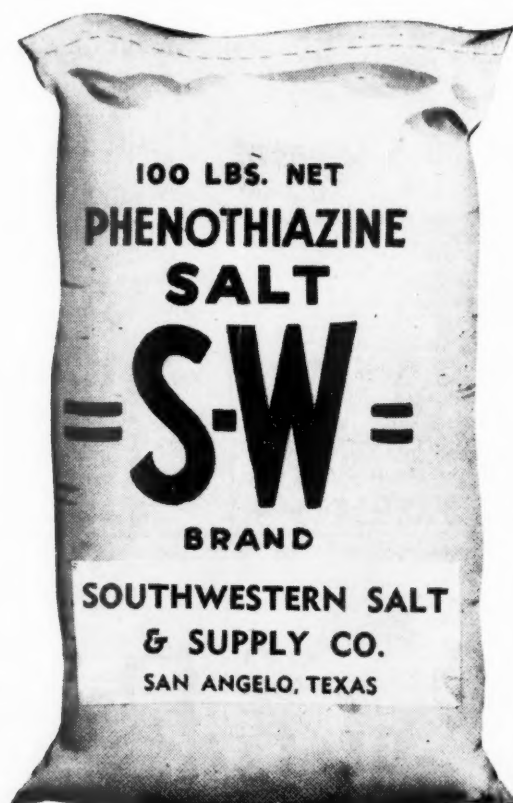
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SINCE THE WAR

IN THESE five years we have squandered the greatest prosperity ever to come to any nation; the Federal Government has collected far more taxes than ever before; it has spent far more money on purely domestic-civilian programs than ever before; it has spent far more money abroad than ever before; it has spent far more money for defense than ever before without achieving preparedness; and we have failed to curtail the greatest public debt any nation has ever known. In the past nineteen years our Government has been in the black only two. We have started deficit spending again in a large way, and it is very possible that our Federal budget may not be balanced before we go over the precipice of financial disaster. — Sen. Harry F. Byrd.

Grazings

By THE EDITOR

OUR FRONT COVER

NEVER BEFORE in the history of West Texas was there such a feverish scramble for feeder lambs and stocker ewes. Prices ranged in brackets that would have seemed impossible a few years ago. Fat lambs during the first half of the year went to the market without delay at prices which brought smiles to the sheepmen. All stockmen wish they had more to sell and more on the ranch.

Active in the shipping of sheep in West Texas this year is the Mid-West Feed Yards of an Angelo. Bound for wheat and stubble fields of a middle-western state are the lambs shown in the picture, as were thousands upon thousands of other lambs brought to San Angelo to receive the services and enjoy the facilities of the Mid-West Feed Yards.

HATS OFF TO MARCUS OF DALLAS

IT IS refreshing to run across someone interested in that phase of the livestock industry which does not feature super fat cattle or flashily dressed dudes in so-called cowboy dress. That someone is Herbert Marcus, Sr., noted merchant of the famous Dallas department store. His idea is that there should be more sheep and that a lot of the increase should be in Dallas and adjacent counties.

Mr. Marcus is already setting in motion an organization designed to place more sheep on the small farms of east Texas and elsewhere — that sheep husbandry is practicable. In spite of the hurdles the farmer might have to overcome Mr. Marcus believes that the idea is feasible and that it will be profitable to the farmer. The eastern part of Texas is sparsely fenced, lousy with worthless dogs, varmints, including coyotes, foxes and the hound-dog sportsmen who run them. In addition, financing the smaller farmer will be a problem that will take some study. Nevertheless, the job can be done, according to Mr. Marcus and those who have enlisted in his campaign.

The shortage of breeding sheep in Texas adds to the problem of those who are interested in the spread of the money-making animal into eastern Texas. However, it is expected that the promoters will take advantage of every opportunity to pick up the stuff at the central markets — ewes which might not have more than one or two lamb crops left in them, yet valuable enough to make their care profitable and increase worthwhile in this day of sub-normal production and dire shortage of wool.

All the problems can be overcome and the farmers will be much richer, thereby, for the sheep is still the most profitable animal on the farm today per dollar invested. Mr. Marcus, you have the right idea. More power to you!

YOUNGBLOOD RETIRES

DR. BONNEY YOUNGBLOOD, Agricultural Economist and Rural Sociologist, will retire from the Office of the Experiment Stations staff on September 30. Dr. Youngblood was for 17 years director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and built up a wide acquaintance among ranch people and farmers of this state. He has been with the United States Department of Agriculture for more than 28 years.

On August 15, 1911, Dr. Youngblood resigned from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to become director of the Texas Station, which position he held until his resignation on April 30, 1928.

In 1929 he was appointed representative of the Office of Experiment Stations in its relation with State experiment stations on matters pertaining to research in agricultural economics and rural sociology.

In 1934 Dr. Youngblood was given leadership in a special study made by Departments of Agriculture and Interior, dealing with the economy and life of the Navaho Indians. He recommended a research laboratory for reconstruction of sheep breeding among the Navahos. The Southwestern Range and Sheep Breeding Laboratory at Fort Wingate, New Mexico was later established.

Dr. Youngblood was born in Milano, Milan County, Texas in 1881. He obtained his B. S. degree from Texas A & M College in 1902 and his M.S. degree in 1907. In 1921 he obtained his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin. He is retiring to his farm, Rion Hall, between Charlestown and Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, where he has lived for several years.

CALENDAR

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- Oct. 7-15 — Sheep and Angora Goat Show — State Fair of Texas — Dallas.
- Oct. 10-16 — Quarter Horse Show — State Fair of Texas — Dallas.
- Oct. 11 — Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Day, State Fair of Texas — Dallas.
- Oct. 13-14 — 7th Annual National Columbia Sheep Show and Sale, Minot, N. D.
- Oct. 17-21 — Junior Livestock Show, State Fair of Texas — Dallas.
- Oct. 17-22 — Palomino Horse Show — State Fair of Texas — Dallas.
- Oct. 25-28 — Del Rio Livestock Association Fall Race Meet — Del Rio.
- Nov. 3 — Mid-West Columbia Sheep Breeders' Association Sale — American Royal Building, Kansas City.
- Nov. 14 — Annual American Angora Goat Raisers' Association Meeting — All day — Rocksprings.
- Nov. 20-21-22 — Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' State Convention — Fort Worth.
- Dec. 5-8 — Annual Convention National Wool Growers' Assn., Casper, Wyoming.



Kincaid Honored on 82nd Birthday

As many of the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren as could attend were at the 82nd birthday dinner of T. A. Kincaid, veteran ranchman and past president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, at the St. Angelus Hotel in San Angelo, August 30.

During this meeting Ernest Williams, secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, announced to Mr. Kincaid that he had been unanimously selected as the Association's first choice of a leading ranchman to be honored by having his picture hung in the hall of the College of Agriculture at Texas A&M College. The picture was shown to Mr. Kincaid and to the group. It is a good likeness of the veteran sheepman and will be viewed by thousands of students as they study agriculture and ranching at Texas A&M College.

Mr. Kincaid served the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association as president longer than any other man, taking office in 1924 and retiring in 1935.

GOVERNOR SHIVERS PROCLAIMS TEXAS WOOL AND MOHAIR WEEK

THROUGH THE efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Governor Allan Shivers proclaimed October 1-7 Texas Wool and Mohair Week. Promotion was pushed all over the state by newspapers, radio stations, and department show windows.

The Woman's Auxiliary tied in the promotion week with more information on the "Make It Yourself With Wool and Mohair" Contest.

In the statewide wool sales talk, the importance of wool and mohair to the economy of Texas as well as

the fiber's non-wrinkling, resilient, long-wearing qualities were stressed.

Leading stores throughout the state staged all-wool style shows the first week in October to tie in with the state program.

CONGRATULATIONS

THE MAGAZINE extends sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Stephens of Lometa on the completion of their new \$75,000 home near Lometa. To help care for the 20-acre estate, the Stephens keep a flock of sheep in the yard for mowing purposes. The sheep are also a trademark for Mr. Stephens, who is well known as a wool warehouseman.

WOOL SELLS AT 83 1-8 CENTS AT DEL RIO WOOL AND MOHAIR CO.

THE DEL RIO Wool and Mohair Company in a sealed bid sale, October 4, established what is probably a new record price for fall wool in this country when some 28,970 pounds of the J. T. Mayfield Rambouillet-Corriedale cross-bred wool was sold to Clyde Young of Winslow and Company, Boston, for 83 1/8c. This was about four cents per pound better than previous contracting prices for eight months spring wool. Shrinkage was estimated at around 51 per cent.

Ten other lots sold in the sealed bid sale with prices ranging from 71c to the top.

Another high selling clip was also purchased by Mr. Young when he

paid 78 1/4c for the Panama-Rambouillet cross-bred wool in a lot made up of J. C. Mayfield and J. O. Taylor fleeces. Mr. Young purchased about half of all the wool offered.

Rome Shield, San Angelo, representing Hallowell, Jones & Donald, Boston, bought about 29,000 pounds at 71 1/4c to 77c.

George Allison, representing the Colonial Wool Company, Boston, bought 18,859 pounds at 71c per pound.

Jack Taylor, Kerrville, recently appointed buyer for Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Company, Boston, paid 76 1/8c per pound for slightly over 28,000 pounds.

It is believed that very little fall wool remains unsold in Texas.

ORR TOP SELLER IN BANDERA SALE

THE BANDERA County Livestock Improvement Association held a buck and ram sale at Mansfield Park, Bandera, September 4. Over 200 head of rams and bucks were offered for sale and totaled \$3,127. W. S. Orr, Rocksprings sold 29 head of Angora bucks for \$951. He was the top seller of the show. S. W. Dismukes sold eight bucks for \$387.85. A. B. Reed, Medina, sold eight goats and two sheep for a total of \$301. Chas. Chaney, Utopia, sold two goats and two sheep for \$178. George Johanson, Brady, received \$475 for nine Delaine rams. L. W. Stuebing, San Antonio, sold six Delaines for \$300. Truett Stanford of Eldorado received \$180 for three Corriedale rams. J. Kuhle, Pipe Creek, received \$45 for one sheep and D. D. Danner sold two sheep for \$85. L. Roeder, Fredericksburg, sold six sheep for \$225.

James A. Gray, wool and mohair specialist of the Extension Service of A. & M. College of Texas, was in charge of the program. Fred Earwood, ranchman and warehouseman of Sonora, spoke at the afternoon meeting on the improvement of wool and mohair and sheep and goats in Texas.

H. F. Schlemmer, Bandera County Agent, promised the ranchmen help on their wool and mohair problems in the spring.

Mr. Earwood and Mr. Gray, both authorities on sheep and goats, classified the animals offered for sale.

Home demonstration clubs of the county, under the direction of Miss Pauline Reagan, County Home Demonstration Agent, served a chicken dinner to the group.

The following breeders of Angoras were exhibitors of registered Angora bucks: S. W. Dismukes, W. S. Orr and Brooks Sweeten, Rocksprings; M. B. Padgett, Tarpley; A. B. Reed, Medina; Hyde Bros. and Howard Hay, Bandera.

Bill Hutchinson of San Angelo and Lamar, Colorado, recently purchased from Joe Barton of San Angelo 558 Rambouillet - Corriedale crossbred mutton lambs. The average weight was said to be 82 pounds and the lambs sold at 27 cents a pound.

Al DuMain is reported to have purchased 3,000 Rambouillet and Corriedale muttons from John Abe March, San Angelo. The estimated average weight of the lambs was 70 pounds and the selling price was said to be 26 cents a pound.

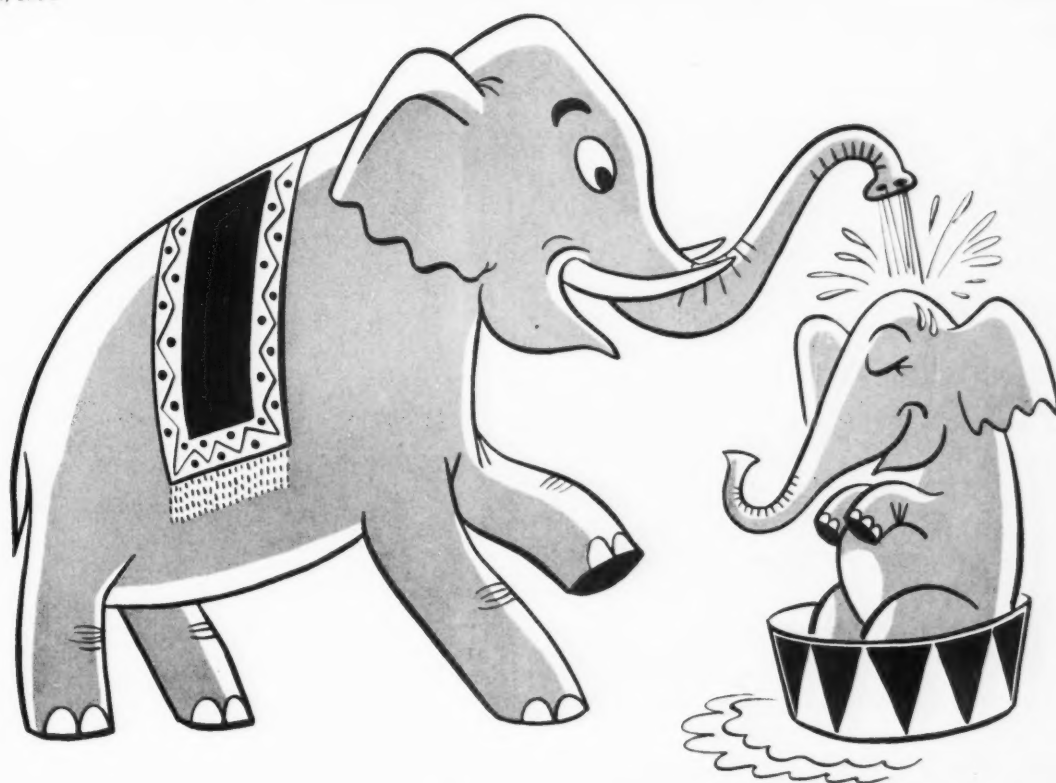
Russell Hays of San Angelo was reported the latter part of September to have sold to A. C. West, Pecan Station, 300 solid-mouth ewes from the Walter Young ranch near Big Lake. The sale price was said to be \$15.50 a head.

It was recently reported that the Hartsel Ranches of Hartsel, Colorado had sold 185 Rambouillet rams to Tobe Foster of the Block Ranch, Capitan, New Mexico, and 65 Rambouillet rams to Stewart McArthur, Waggon Mound, New Mexico.

A few small bunches of lambs are being contracted around Burnet for 25 cents; most are selling higher; few sheep are changing hands. Ranges are in good condition, lambs and ewes are fat.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Volkmann of Menard, who returned in late September from an extended vacation trip through Alaska, have been having splendid success in breeding sheep sales this year. The 150 Corriedale rams which Mr. Volkmann sold late last month brought up to \$55 a head. Among the buyers were King Fisher of Junction; Frank Wilkerson of Menard; A. H. Murchison and Pat Morris, Coleman. Mr. Volkmann says that this is one of the best years he has had in the sheep business and that his ranges are in excellent condition.

Floyd McMullan and sons, Johnny and Kenny of San Angelo sold to northern buyers the latter part of September, 1,000 yearling and two-year-old Rambouillet ewes at \$30 a head.



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The executive committee (of which I am a member) of the Corriedale Sheep Society have plans for the "International Corriedale Conference" well in hand. We look forward to the arrival of your American delegates and I hope to spend some time with them.

This is our big year - the Centennial celebrations of the Canterbury Province. November will be a busy month. Highlights are Canterbury Agricultural & Pastoral Centennial Show (Christchurch Nov. 8, 9, 10), the International Corriedale Conference (14-16), the New Zealand Galloping Cup, the N. Z. Trotting Cup and a host of local shows throughout Canterbury.

I hope, sooner or later, to get to Texas (dollars the trouble of course) but meanwhile extend my best wishes.

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Heavy Contracting of Texas Wool, Mohair

WOOL

BY SEPTEMBER 10, some 3,000,000 pounds of spring wool had been contracted at prices up to 86½ cents a pound. Boston firms were endeavoring to tie up as much of the 1951 spring clip as possible before the government begins stockpiling wool.

Roddie & Co., Brady, and Menard Wool and Mohair Co., Menard, contracted about 90,000 fleeces of 1951 spring 12-months wool at 75 to 86½ cents a pound.

September 22, Producers Wool & Mohair Co., Del Rio, contracted 400,000 pounds of 1951 8-months wool at 80 cents per pound. This wool went to Forstmann Wool Co., Passaic, N. J. Producers Wool and Mohair Co. in Del Rio sold 200,000 pounds of free fall wool. Prices ranged from 70 to 75 cents per pound.

A record was believed broken in San Angelo, Sept. 22, when a carload of 1950 12-months wool was sold at \$1.04 a pound. This was thought to be the highest price ever paid for domestic wool in the grease. The sale was made at the Western Wool & Mohair Co. The buyer was not

named but the wool was Rambouillet-Corriedale crossbred and came from three ranches. Shrink was said to be about 51 per cent.

Toward the end of the month contracting of 1951 eight and 12-months wool had slowed down, but some 8-months was being contracted at 80 cents per pound with an advance of \$1 per fleece to the grower.

MOHAIR

The middle of September found the Texas mohair market at the new high of \$1.01 for adult hair and \$1.26 for kid hair.

James L. Daniel of Eden reported that his warehouse had contracted about 6,000 mohair fleeces at the new price of \$1.01 and \$1.26.

September 30, less than a carload of mohair was sold through the Del Rio Wool and Mohair Co. at Del Rio at \$1.07 for adult hair and \$1.32 for kid. Russell Martin of Del Rio, buyer for Collins and Aikman, Bristol, R. I., was the mohair buyer.

Contracting continued throughout the sheep and goat country for the 1951 clip still on the animals' backs.

COLLINS SAYS MOHAIR FUTURE HIGH, BRIGHT

R. P. COLLINS of the firm of R. P. Collins & Co., Boston, visited West Texas in September and told mohair growers that as long as mohair is cheaper than low grade foreign wools it will sell.

The mill executive declared that 90 per cent of the domestic mohair is going into furniture upholstery, but that the mohair content in most upholstery fabrics has been reduced and blended with cotton and nylon.

While 700,000 to 800,000 housing units are being built annually in the United States the demand for upholstery will continue as strong as it is today, Collins said.

Recently the government found that mohair had a decided insulating value and bought some 500,000 pounds of hair to make 350,000 yards of mohair frieze for that purpose.

Collins said he expected this year's mohair production to exceed that of 1949 because with the high price all growers would see that all their animals were sheared.

Mohair production for the Cape amounts to 3,500,000 pounds annually, Turkey produced about 8,000,000 pounds each year. Imports of foreign hair have been stopped because of the demand in England for the fiber.

The Boston visitor has headed his own firm since 1934 and has had 40 years experience in the wool business. He was visiting the Hill Country with Louie Ragland of Junction and E. R. Wentworth of San Antonio, both buyers for the Collins firm.

Ralph Griffis of San Angelo sold 1,000 solid-mouth ewes out of the wool to T. D. Moore of Del Rio. The sale was made for Russell Bowers of Del Rio. The ewes, which were already bred to good Rambouillet rams, sold at \$15.50 a head.

PECOS COUNTY SHEEP TOP ABILENE SHOW

AT THE West Texas Fair in Abilene September 29, Bryan and Sheffield of Fort Stockton exhibited the grand champion Rambouillets. Walton Jackson, Sheep club boy, placed high with his Rambouillets also.

In the Corriedale show, the Kinnison Sheep Farm of Sweetwater took the tops. Johnny Bryan of Fort Stockton had the Suffolk champions and Horace Edwards of Wall and Buford Sprayberry of Anson were runners up.

Champion Angora goats were shown by Loy Jackson of Abilene.

ARIZONA BANS TEXAS SHEEP

THE STATE of Arizona Sheep Sanitary Commission ordered Texas sheep banned from the state as of September 15. Reason was given as fear of sheep scabies spreading to that state. Robert W. Lockett of Flagstaff, chairman of the commission, said the order would not be lifted "until the USDA declared Texas free of sheep scabies."

There are some sheep scabies in a number of Texas counties but the degree of seriousness has not yet been determined.

ASK FOR HELP IN BRUSH ERADICATION

WHEN THE two representatives of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Horace Fawcett, Del Rio, and Clayton Puckett, Fort Stockton, contacted the United States Department of Agriculture, with Representative O. C. Fisher of San Angelo, they pointed out that brush, mostly mesquite, has doubled in density during the past fifteen years, covering at the present time approximately fifty-five million acres.

Association representatives, at the request of the directors, were investigating the possibility of having the United States Department of Agriculture divert more funds into the research angle of brush eradication with the possibility that some chemical might be developed which would kill the brush and be harmless to livestock and grass.

While Mr. Puckett, in reporting to Texas ranchmen about their audience with Department of Agriculture officials, was not very optimistic as to the results, he stated that the trip might be a start of securing some activity for the future. From Washington the Production and Marketing Administration is reported to have granted \$1,600 for use in studying experimental work in brush eradication in Tom Green County. Some work has already been going on on the John Y. Rust ranch near Robert Lee.

TRAPPER BAGS FOUR COYOTES AT PIPE CREEK

RANCHEMEN around Pipe Creek breathed a sigh of relief recently when B. A. Bynum, government trapper of Uvalde announced Sept. 9th that he had killed four coyotes on the A. H. Schott and adjoining ranches. For some time Erbe Frerich, C. H. Krause, John Pursch and others in that vicinity have lost quite a few head of sheep and goats. Investigation by Mr. Bynum indicated that coyotes were responsible and cyanide gas guns were placed and baited in the vicinity. A large dog and one pup were found one morning and two pups were found the following morning. Another trap was sprung and it is hoped that the female was also killed, although she has not been found.

Mr. Bynum came to Pipe Creek immediately after a telephone message to C. R. Landon, who is in charge of predatory animal control work in this section of the state. As far as known, these are the first coyotes to be found in Bandera County in about 25 years, with the exception of one said to have been killed at the E. H. Liebold ranch on Medina Lake. Growers in the vicinity were high in their praise of the prompt work that Mr. Bynum did and it is hoped that the predators have all been killed.

Reports of more stock being killed in the vicinity of Medina Lake have led growers to believe that there are some more coyotes in that area. These reports are being investigated and if true, additional control work will be started in that area.

COYOTES SCOURGE OF COLEMAN COUNTY SHEEP RAISERS

COLEMAN COUNTY is estimated to have approximately 1,000 owners of sheep and many of these stockmen are finding it exceedingly difficult to run their flocks because of depredation of coyotes and other vermin. The number of these depredators in Coleman County has been variously estimated and some numbers given are amazing. However these fancy figures are borne out by the few trappers who have been hired occasionally. One reported catching seven coyotes the first night he laid his traps. J. C. Marshall, Secretary of the Coleman Production Credit Corporation, is quite alarmed at the serious inroads Coyotes are making upon the sheep flocks in the county. "If something is not done quickly more of our sheepmen are going out of the business in spite of the high prices of lamb and wool. They just cannot stand the tremendous losses coyotes have been causing them. Already some of the sheepmen have thrown up the sponge and quit business."

The Coleman County Feeder Breeder Association and the Farm Bureau recently joined together and hired two trappers in an effort to cut down on the losses in the sheep flocks. But, according to P. J. Allen, ranchman six miles northwest of Coleman, "They just cannot get the job done. We need more than two or even ten trappers to get our coyotes killed out. Already there is a tendency for the coyotes to travel south into other counties and we think the job is one which the state itself should take an interest in and especially should the stockmen in counties adjacent to Cole-

man take an interest in our problems."

Mr. Allen is quite familiar with the heavy losses from coyotes. Last winter he lost 106 head of sheep; "and there are more coyotes this year than there were last."

George Crane, Callahan County, north of Coleman, last year lost so many sheep that he sold out completely. Chas. Straley, who ranches near Oplin, also quit the sheep business because of his losses from coyotes.

Joe Rutland, Oplin, is having a lot of trouble and is considering dropping sheep from his stock farm activity.

L. C. Flippin, north of Coleman, has given up sheep, as has Milton Coker, who also ranches north of Coleman.

Ranchmen in Callahan County, according to Coleman sheepmen, have not been too cooperative in trying to eliminate the coyote. Many of the Callahan ranchmen, they declare, are not permitting trappers or coyote hunters on the ranches at all, thus aggravating the situation by affording the coyotes protection and breeding places.

The "sportsmen" who run dogs also react against the coyote killing campaign. These men prefer their sport and apparently have no intention of voluntarily giving up any part of it in order that the sheepmen may survive.

Strenuous effort is to be made in the near future to enlist more state and federal assistance and to secure the cooperation of Callahan County ranchmen.

CONVENTION NOTE

MEMBERS OF the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the friends of the organization are reminded that the Texas Hotel in Fort Worth is to be the headquarters for the 35th annual convention, November 20-22. Reservations for rooms should be directed to the hotel management.

J. T. Davis, well known Sterling County ranchman and banker, returned September 24 from a three weeks trip to South America which included 12,500 air miles. He visited the Panama Canal Zone; Lima, Peru; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Porto Rico, and Miami.

Mr. Davis attended the International Cattle Show in Argentina and visited some of the large ranches of the country. He declared that he had never seen finer horses. He visited ranches where thoroughbreds and quarterhorses are bred. Mr. Davis was quite attracted by some of the senioritas, too.

He also said that the Durham cattle of the Argentine were the best he had ever seen; that the Angus cattle were about on a par with the

ones in this country and that the Herefords there were not as good as ours.

A Coleman buyer has purchased the Aquilla West lambs at Forsan from Kelly Burns. The lambs were light and sold at 25½ cents a pound.

The West 2- and 3-year-old ewes were sold to Jim Cauble of Big Spring at \$25 per head. Older ewes sold at \$15.

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Official Minutes

Fourth Quarterly
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association
Coleman, Texas, September 16, 1950

PRESIDENT MAYFIELD called the fourth quarterly directors' meeting to order in the Auditorium of the Coleman High School, Coleman, Texas, at 1:45 P. M.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Frank O'Hearn, Trinity Methodist Church, Coleman, Texas.

The Address of Welcome was given by William T. Jones, Mayor, City of Coleman.

Frank Roddie Brady gave the Response to the Address of Welcome.

The Secretary called the roll and the following directors were present:

Dick Alexander, W. E. Barr, Aubrey L. Baugh, George Beck, Jack Canning, Robert Cauthorn, John P. Classen, R. R. Coreth, Gully Cowser, Harry Curtis, S. W. Dismukes, Fred T. Earwood, T. W. Epperson, Albert Faltin, Sayers Farmer, Horace Fawcett, W. J. Fields, Jr., S. A. Hartgrove, Scott Hartgrove, Raymond Hicks, R. W. Hodge, Bryan Hunt, E. V. Jarrett, T. A. Kincaid, Jr.

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Felix Real, Jr., Leo Richardson, Ray Ridenhower, Frank Roddie, Joe B. Ross, Foster Rust, David Schmidt, Lance Sears, E. G. Sieker, John E. Sorell, W. T. Stewardson, Gordon Stewart, Adolf Stieler, S. L. Stumberg, Sr., J. O. Taylor, John Treadwell, J. W. Vance, Joe M. Vander Stucken, R. L. Walker, W. J. Wilkinson, Ed Willoughby, Ray W. Willoughby, Willie B. Wilson, Ray F. Wyatt.

The Secretary then made the following report:

Secretary's Report

Again we have a fair financial picture to present. Our balance on hand at the end of August shows a gain of approximately \$11,000 over the balance as of June 30. Of course, this past quarter is the one during which most of the dues come in anyway. Several warehouses have not reported dues collected on 1950 wool and mohair yet with additional dues to come in from the sale of fall wool and mohair, the picture should look considerably different by October 31 — the end of our 1950 year. I will give a more complete report at that time.

As shown on the report, dues receipts were \$15,346.60. Expenditures were \$4,366.48, broken down as indicated. Are there any questions about any of the items?

This report is for one quarter of the year only. Ten months of the 1950 year have gone by and our expenditures to date are a little less than the amount budgeted. If no emergencies come up, we should finish the year having spent less than we anticipated would be needed and which was set up and approved by the convention in San Antonio last November.

You will notice that the funds are divided among several banks.

The special funds are deposited in the First National Bank in San Angelo and are as shown—\$4,932.80 for wool and mohair promotion, \$688.50 for Foot and Mouth Disease, and \$1,379.12 in the Livestock Tax Committee fund. These are in addition to the \$28,506.44 shown as the Association balance.

The President has asked me to cover more in detail what went on in Salt Lake City, August 23-24 at the Executive Committee meeting of the National Wool Growers Association.

Of considerable concern was the possibility of frozen lamb imports from Australia and New Zealand. Under present treaty provisions, Great Britain now gets 97 per cent of the lamb exported by these two countries — only about 1000 tons go to the hard currency countries — the United States and Canada. They request that they be allowed to change the treaty and raise the amount to 5000 tons. California was greatly concerned that it would disrupt orderly marketing of domestic lambs.

The old lamb committee which was appointed last December to do what it could with packers and retail outlets in regard to marketing the heavier lambs that would hit the market was dismissed and a new committee appointed to continue the work of the old committee and also to consider all lamb problems. John Brackenridge of Idaho was appointed chairman. Norm Winder of Colorado probably has already left on a vacation trip to Australia and New Zealand. He was empowered to discuss this new lamb situation, though, with the authorities in these two countries.

Edwin Marsh, Assistant Secretary of the National, reported on organizational activity in other states. A Professor Miller from Kentucky reported that his state was organizing a sheep association and that it would affiliate with the National. If they do, it will be the first state east of the Mississippi to join the organization.

Going back to the Salt Lake meeting — the expenses of the National Wool Growers Association headquarters office in Salt Lake City are borne jointly by the National Wool Growers Association, the American Wool Council and the National Wool Grower

Magazine — but expenses incurred in Washington, their lamb promotional activities, freight rate work, and organizational work were borne by the National Wool Growers Association. Effective immediately, the magazine company will pay one-half of those expenses just mentioned.

The proposed budget for 1951 was discussed. It has been set up on a \$50,000 basis for the past few years — that was the amount raised by the various states on the regular quota basis. For 1951, the amount to be sent in by the states is tentatively set at \$4800. On the surface this appears to be a \$4800 budget and a reduction of \$2000 in proposed expenditures, but with the National Wool Grower Magazine paying one-half of those expenses just mentioned, the proposed budget for 1951 for the National Wool Growers Association is \$60,000 — an increase of \$10,000 over the budget for 1950. It was estimated by those who prepared the proposed budget that on account of the war the Washington expenses would be more. Funds for freight rate work, lamb marketing and promotion and Public Lands work made up the increase. This proposed budget will be voted on at the annual convention in Casper, Wyoming, in December.

Texas Quota

The Texas quota in the 1951 budget is \$11,475.00 — an increase of \$361 above the quota to be paid this year if the Directors approve its payment at our annual convention.

The American Wool Council Directors also met in Salt Lake and heard the report of its officers and Gene Ackerman of the Wool Bureau. As it stands right now, the American Wool Council exists mainly to represent the United States on the Wool Bureau. The Wool Bureau — a combination of the American Wool Council and the International Wool Secretariat — is the organization which carries out the promotional work.

The Wool Bureau, according to my information, spends about \$450,000 in the United States annually promoting wool. The American producer, packer, lamb feeder and manufacturer, last year put up \$15,000 of this — the balance came from the growers of the British Dominions — Australia, South Africa, New Zealand.

The Council Directors voted to increase their contribution from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Gene Ackerman,

Chairman of the Executive Committee were good for increased participation in the Wool Bureau by more manufacturers. This was in reply to questions from President Mayfield as to why there were not more manufacturers cooperating in the promotion of wool.

Ackerman stated that the Boston Wool Trade has promised a \$5,000 contribution to be used at the Princeton Research Laboratory and an additional \$5,000 for the American Wool Council.

Ackerman reported that the research work was progressing satisfactorily at the Princeton Research Institute. The Wool Bureau is now carrying on its training course with clothing salesmen in selling wool — in my mind a very worthwhile project — and a new fall wool promotion campaign with stores has been announced.

I have spent considerable time on reporting this, but Texas growers contribute several thousand dollars a year to this promotion fund — in fact five cents out of every 25 cents you pay in dues is set aside for promotion. You should know what is being done with the money.

Sheep Scabies

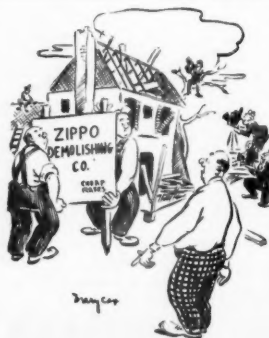
The President then recognized Ray W. Willoughby, who gave the following report on sheep scabies:

As you know, being a member of the Sanitary Commission is an appointive job. I am making this report for Duval Davidson, who was unable to be here. Our main problem is lack of funds. We have been before the legislature several times trying to get funds. The Sanitary Commission needs the help of the sheep industry. He then read the following wire from Duval Davidson, Director, L. S. C., who was in Chicago for a meeting.

Sheep scabies has been found in 38 counties in Texas. Today, these scabies have been reduced to a number not to exceed nine bands, and all of these have been dipped twice except four bands, and they are in the process of being dipped the second time now. In all probability, it is down to one band at the present writing. Most of this disease originated in the State of Louisiana which joins us on the East. The State of Louisiana has procured an appropriation of \$130,000.00 which will become effective in July of 1951. The most recent outbreak was on the Bill Stribling range at Round Mountain, Texas, on line of Llano and Blanco Counties. There were about 100 head in this band. Along last fall, Mr. Overstreet bought several thousand lambs through different auction rings in Texas and dispersed them to several states, and 211 head of these that went to the State of Tennessee showed up with scabies. Most scabies has originated in Mills, Brown, and Coleman Counties. However, they were all in small bunches, and I think most of this was due to the fact that cattle and sheep were permitted to run at random on the military ranges at Mills and Brown Counties near the Bayou at Brownwood.

Willoughby asked that the directors call on the Livestock Sanitary Commission and offer suggestions for fighting scabies.

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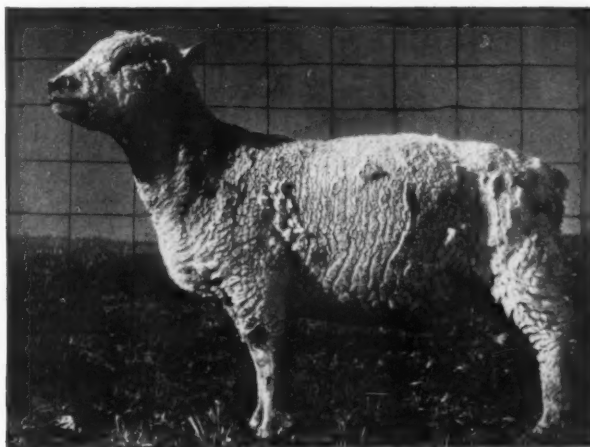


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DIRECTORS' MEETING

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Steve Stumberg was recognized. He said that a group got together earlier that morning and after a lengthy discussion decided to present the following resolution for consideration:

Sheep Scabies Resolution

Whereas in recent months areas in Texas infested with sheep scabies have increased to such an extent that definite and prompt action is needed to bring it under control, before it

seriously endangers the sheep industry, therefore

Be it resolved that the President of this Association appoint a committee of five members, to be known as the Sheep Sanitary Committee, the duties of which shall be to meet with the Livestock Sanitary Commission of Texas and jointly formulate an aggressive program for the immediate eradication of scabies from the State.

It is recommended that these joint groups consider the following items, among others:

(1) To determine the best and most practical steps necessary to accomplish this purpose.

(2) To recommend such revisions from top to bottom of the personnel employed by the Commission as are necessary to develop and maintain an active and efficient organization capable of eliminating scabies from the State.

(3) To call on the Governor of the State and enlist his aid.

(4) To ask the budget committee of the Legislature for additional appropriation for this work.

(5) To seek the help of County Commissioners Courts in furnishing additional inspectors and equipment.

(6) To demand the cooperation of auction rings throughout the State in taking the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of scabies and, if necessary, to seek legislation compelling it.

(7) To formulate and publicize an educational program to be carried to all sheep raisers and handlers throughout the State, setting forth precautionary steps that must be taken.

(8) To express to the Department of Public Safety our appreciation for the aid already given by its men in inspecting trucks hauling sheep throughout the State and ask their continued cooperation.

(9) The President is authorized to expend such funds of the Association as he deems necessary to carry out this program.

Steve Stumberg moved that the resolution be adopted as read. Penrose Metcalfe seconded the motion, and it was voted and unanimously carried.

President Mayfield then asked for reports from all standing committees:

Willie B. Wilson had no report for the Legislative Committee.

Fred Earwood, Wool and Mohair Marketing, reported that the committee had met and that a resolution had been presented to the General Resolutions Committee.

Jack Canning reported that the Predatory Animal Committee had turned their resolutions over to the General Resolutions Committee.

Charlie Stewart gave no report for the Traffic Committee.

Proper Sheep Marking Stressed

Edwin Mayer, Livestock Theft Committee, reported that the committee had met and had presented the General Resolutions Committee with resolutions. He stressed the importance of marking sheep so that they can be identified in case of theft and urged the members to refrain from asking to be excused from jury duty.

Report On Brush Control Work

President Mayfield then asked Clayton Puckett to report on the trip that he and Horace Fawcett took to Wash-



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ington in the interest of Brush Control Research. Puckett reported that they had met with the Secretary of Agriculture in June and that the Secretary had told them that no more could be expended at this time on brush eradication.

Migratory Labor

President Mayfield reported that Johnny Williams had met with a Migratory Labor Board in El Paso on July 31st, and that he had done a good job in pointing out our need for wet-back labor and how they were taken care of while in this Country. The President told the members that he had appointed a committee to work on this problem. Steve Stumberg told of a Labor representative in San Angelo who had agreed to work with the ranchmen in processing wet-back labor.

Livestock Tax Work

Horace Fawcett reported for the Livestock Tax Committee. He was deeply concerned with the debate now going on in Congress on tax legislation, specifically Section 117(j) which applies to Capital Gains. The courts have held that it applied to livestock in all cases with the exception of one case recently in Fort Worth. He then read a statement from the Congressional Record made by Senator Anderson from New Mexico. Fawcett then asked the members for \$800 to be taken from the Special Livestock Tax Committee Fund to be used to further the work of this Committee. It was decided that the President did not need additional authority to expend these special funds.

Photograph To Honor Sheep-Goat Man

Clayton Puckett, Research, College and Extension Committee, reported that Dr. Miller, A. & M. College, had asked the members of the Association to designate someone every year to be honored by having their photograph hung in the Animal Husbandry building at the College. This was discussed during the committee meeting but no action was taken. He thought that the selection should be left to the entire membership and that if they wanted it as a yearly project, a definite policy should be established.

General Resolutions

President Mayfield then asked for the report from the General Resolutions Committee. Penrose Metcalfe read the following resolutions:

1. The Livestock Theft Commission strongly urges all growers to brand their sheep. Positive identification of animals in court is necessary in order to convict a thief and without it, there is not much use in even bringing the suspect to trial. Juries are prone to acquit unless identification is positive beyond any reasonable doubt and this is as it should be. Therefore, the importance of being able to identify your sheep to the satisfaction of the jury is paramount.

We urge our members to refrain from asking to be excused from jury duty except in the most extreme cases. You never know when a theft case will be called for trial. If you remain on the panel, subject to duty, you are in a position to aid in having a fair trial. We must have high class men on juries as one step in combating theft.

We are opposed to the suspended sentence. We realize, however, that it is law and most likely will remain so. So we respectfully ask judges and prosecutors to use the law sparingly and never to invoke it except in the case of the very young or in very unusual cases.

We recommend that the Secretary of the Association proceed to develop a plan for brand inspection at all

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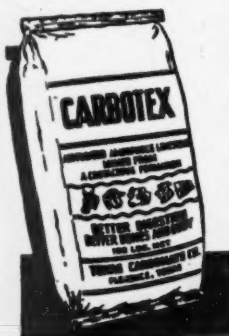
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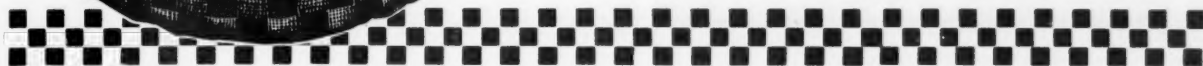
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People have got a lot of questions to ask those smart boys in Washington and will have a darn sight more as things tighten up and those casualty lists start coming in with greater frequency.

Why do we ship money and goods to England and a lot of other countries who are sending supplies to Russia who is furnishing arms and ammunition to the fighters who are killing our boys? I don't get it, you fellows in Washington. . .

Why in the name of commonsense and safety are we still coddling Communists in this country . . . especially in Washington?

There are a lot more questions about the screwy goings-on in Washington that need answering, but the above is a good start.

Here's one more. In the newspapers, magazines and over the radio there is constant hammering at the public to buy saving bonds that the buyer will have something for the future. Why doesn't the government do some curtailing of expenses and try a little saving itself . . . for the future welfare and existence of this nation? That, Mr. T. and Congress, is a question.

Surpluses

Before the Korean war there was considerable misgivings regarding certain surpluses of agricultural products. These are now stockpiles and may be extremely useful. In some way or other foodstuffs stored to maintain prices should be channeled into consumption rather than left to rot.

Wool in extreme short supply will remain so for an indefinite time. Imports higher and harder to secure. Wool industry pointed this situation out to government leaders in the Agriculture Department and the Military many months ago but no response. Now action is becoming slightly frantic. Stockpiling is expected to be under way by the time this magazine is off the press, the Australians helping and prices probably rising even higher.

Controls

The public has been grateful for the silence on the part of those boys who swung the big ax during OPA days but some of the boys are now sounding off about how good controls were, how healthful ceiling and how pleasant rationing. Chesty Bowles says they were beneficial before and wants the "good old days back"—along with a job, of course.

However, situation seems to favor no controls on wool.

Army Use of Synthetics

For military use all-wool fabrics have long been considered as essential. This may not be true much longer as rumor has it that the blending of wool with synthetics is in the offing. Rayon, Nylon, Orlon and cotton may be used. The excuse, if such blending does occur, will be the desperate shortage of wool fibre, to lower cost of uniform cloth and to keep from depriving the civilian market of urgently needed wool.

J. M. Jones, secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, wrote from Washington, D. C., on Sept. 17 relative to this matter as follows:

The military is now asking for 150,000 yards of fabrics to be made of 70 percent wool and 30 percent rayon, which may lead to further orders. It, therefore, appears that the 100,000,000 pounds of wool for stockpile is important in preventing further adulteration of military fabrics. We are in a position where little can be done nor much objection raised if we don't have the supply of wool and the military needs the fabrics.

This situation cannot be blamed on your National nor the Department of Agriculture, who have tried since 1946 to get the War Munitions Board to create reserves of needed fabric. The entire dilemma must be placed at the door of the War Munitions Board, and it will be an expensive lesson for all of us.

Wartime

There is no denying that this nation is going to go all out in spending to back the military—at least 30 billions of dollars annually. Total budget next year will reach and may exceed 55 billion dollars—more than everybody in the U. S. made in 1932. The draft, the labor situation, the supply situation and taxes are going to get tougher and tougher—especially after the fall election. Prices are going to go up, but prices of many farm products may not rise compar-



"She insisted on trying it out first, Sir!"

tively. Price controls seem inevitable — when?

Some say that the Korean war can end suddenly. What then? It is something to think about especially in regard to livestock prices which might hit the skids with remarkable rapidity. Both cattle and hogs are in such supply that they could flood the market. Even so there is no indication that prices will stay down on livestock or anything else because this nation is committed to a preparedness program which will maintain inflationary tendencies for years to come.

Draft

Practically everyone agrees that regardless of the outcome of the Korean melee the draft outlook will become increasingly harder. This is important to ranch and farm folk with young sons, fathers and workers. Don't expect much draft board consideration anywhere down the line — draft boards are always pretty tough on the rural youth — they make the best soldiers. Little is known about effect of draft on ranchmen and farmers and the labor situation. Results of questionnaire to West Texas ranchmen will be analyzed and presented later.

Labor is to be increasingly scarce. Don't forget this. Make preparations now. Call by draft boards is about one-fourth of War II — about 70,000 men per month. Will get worse. Married men who are not fathers to be called for examination in November, for January induction — age bracket 19-25. Fathers in same bracket are scheduled for early 1951 call and it is a fairly certain bet that vets with less than a year of service will be called in early 1951.

Essential workers . . . dopesters say to forget the word. It's going to be harder now to be declared essential than during the last war, they say.

Safe for next 16 to 18 months are men ages from 25 to 30. Men over 30 are not likely to be called unless full scale war breaks out — then all bets are off.

Ranchmen and Farmers Become Tax Collectors

Whether adding to the social security program of the government is socialistic or not, good or bad, it is now law and many workers are to be covered starting January 1, 1951. The ranchman or farmer hiring the worker automatically becomes the tax collector for the government, like it or not. It's a good idea to sharpen

up that stub pencil and start figuring on it.

The worker must have been on the job for at least 60 days in a quarter (three months) and during that period he must have earned \$50 or more, then he's on social security.

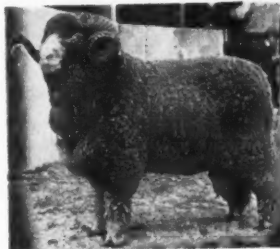
The ranchman or farmer must register with the government through the post office and get a registration number — if he hires any hands. And the hand must get a number, too, from the social security office — if he works and gets social security. All of this is mandatory — law.

Cost to ranchman or farmer is 1½ percent of the worker's wage plus 1½ percent deducted from the worker's wage, and the 3 per cent total is to be paid by the employer quarterly. First payment is to be made April 30 for the first three months of the year. Then it goes on and on.

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Wool and Mohair Market Report

By Sheep and Goat Raiser Boston Bureau

BUSINESS IN original wools is being followed closely here and abroad highlighted in both cases by advances in prices up to 50 per cent and more over the closing rates for similar wools at the end of last season ending in June. The first sale of the new season in Australia at Sydney on August 28 reported a complete clearance of the 47,000 bales offered from the 28th to the 31st inclusive. Prices were up as much as 50 per cent over June rates for good wools, and only a few lots of choice types were offered. The offering at Adelaide of 40,000 bales, slightly less attractive wools, sold easily at advances of 40 to 50 per cent above the June close. Auctions were scheduled at the same points to re-open Sept. 11.

Stockpiling

Day to day trading on the Summer St. wool market was a bit slower as compared to the rush which took place due to the Korean affair. The absence of a backlog of wools sufficient to meet both civilian and military needs was brought out immediately and officials moved without delay to correct the situation. It was

suggested that an all over system be established among ourselves and our Allies in wool buying, to assure a wise distribution and to block Russian purchases. A meeting in London is scheduled for late in September of both consuming and producing countries. The same sources are insisting that we spur development and use of synthetic substitutes.

Contracting

Contracting for fall wools and the 1951 clip has been active over a wide area of the country. Advices from California report buying as having already accounted for half the clip on the sheep's back to be shorn eight to nine months hence. Prices paid ranged from 80 to 85 cents greasy for northern wools. Close to 75 cents was reported paid for fall Texas since the shortage became apparent.

Wool buyers representing both top-makers and manufacturers have been on their toes since the Korean trouble started and wools of all kinds and classes have been taken off the street in various weights, depending on the needs of the prospective buyer. It is difficult to quote sale prices and not



TOP RAMBOUILLET

A. W. Keys, Eldorado, is shown holding the fine Rambouillet stud ram which topped the all-breed sheep sale at Junction, August 26. Mr. Keys also sold the second high Rambouillet for \$325. Nelson Johnson, San Angelo was the buyer of the two high-priced rams. (Photograph taken by Jack Taylor, Secretary American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.)

see each lot of wool due to the character of the offering and shrinkage, as a buyer may pay a high price to cover and yet would find it hard to replace and not pay still more money for similar wools. The best bright Ohio fine fleeces (Delaines) have brought as high as \$2.40 clean basis for graded lots. Graded 12 months Texas 64s and finer have been well established at \$2.30 to \$2.35 clean basis for some days and even higher rates were paid recently for choice types.

Pulled Wools

Trading activity in pulled wools slowed down early in September owing to lack of supplies offered from day to day. Worst types 64s and up 2½ inches scoured, sold at \$2.25 and 60/64s, 1½ and up, at prices a dime less.

Foreign Wools

The opening of the selling season at the Cape on September 11 was a repeat of the Australian opening with prices up 45 to 50 per cent as compared to the close of the season in June. A total clearance was reported with Type Seven, a popular classification, for the markets of the United States sold at \$2.80 clean basis. Practically all kinds and classes of Montevideo wools have been in good demand for shipment to the markets of this country, but importing merchants have been slow to meet the market except for customers who have placed orders to "buy at best price." These instances were few in number because of the rapid advance in the market. Some of the best fine wools are selling at double the price realized in the first quarter of the year.

Wool merchants say government requirements are to be heavy, and there appears no doubt but what the situation will be partly overcome by the "taking over the entire clip, but it is probable that some solution of the problem of wool requirements will be made by agreements with England and Continental countries whereby a stockpile will be built up for these purposes from foreign wools." Some

factors in the industry say that it is not impossible for wool prices to reach \$2.50 clean basis in the very near future, because efforts to cover expected requirements made at secondary foreign markets by America and other nations have found the position of inventories low in wool.

Wool Top

Topmakers have predicted \$4.00 top as the market for standard fine production in the very near future, and this seems easily possible because fine Australian top, 64/70s in grade, has already been advanced to \$3.50. Replacement is the difficult, if not impossible factor, in the sale of tops today. Costs of conversion are up and combing space is at a premium. It has been said in the trade, world wool markets cause fantastic top prices here. This means that again it becomes difficult to establish true market values for top as the inflationary wool market in Australia has caused replacement values to be estimated as much as 50 cents above selling levels. Territory fine warp top were quoted this week to the mills at \$3.15.

The manufacturers of yarn and top have turned to substitute fibers in order to supplement supplies of wool, and this practice is expected to become general as the present scarcity of wool becomes more acute. New peak levels have been reported on top futures and further advances are expected unless government action brings about a freeze on prices. However, with the foreign markets for raw wool continuing higher unabated the situation on raw wool would not be helped materially for either topmakers or spinners unless the stockpile is developed by the government.

During the past two weeks it has been reported many worsted mills are not meeting with the success they anticipated on blended fiber yarns and fabrics. Some interests have turned entirely either to all wool or all substitutes.

Wool Wastes

Prices for wool laps have moved

into higher brackets with the known scarcity of wool getting more pronounced each week. Fine white drawing laps were purchased by the mills recently at \$2.00 and fine white worsted threads (Spinning) at \$1.30. Importers claim it is possible to buy fine white spinning threads at \$1.40 for import, but have held back on buying because of the uncertainty that manufacturers will be able to absorb the increased costs.

Wool dealers have paid as high as \$1.35 for choice fine Australian noils, and there is no doubt that a buyer would pay more to cover urgent needs. Some noil houses have withdrawn all offerings and are only taking care of their customers who are

in need of the stock to complete orders.

It has just been reported here that a large volume of Fall mohair contracted in the State of Texas earlier has been shipped from the primary markets. Good progress is being reported in regard to shearing, but there is very little actual news from the standpoint of sales. This, of course, is due in part to the fact contracts were placed early in the season which accounted for nearly all of the Fall shearing.

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ALLIGATOR JUNIPER

(*Juniperous pachyphloea*)

THE SPECTACULAR member of the juniper trees is alligator juniper with its checkered bark which looks so much like the scale pattern on an alligator. It is the largest of all juni-

pers. Some old trees reach 60 to 70 feet in height but average about 30 to 40 feet. Some grow five or six feet in diameter but average diameter for aged trees is only one to three feet in diameter. The oldest probably reach 700 or 800 years old.

Bark is deeply furrowed and cut

into rectangular plates which turn ashy gray with age. The leaves are pale blue-green. Male and female flowers grow on different trees; berries reach maturity in the fall of the second year. A whitish covering overlies the purplish brown skin of the berries.

You find alligator juniper in the Texas Trans-Pecos, and southern parts of New Mexico and Arizona. In Mexico it grows from Chihuahua and Sonora to both Zacatecas and Pueblo. Growth occurs on hillsides and plateaus, ranging in altitude from 4,000 to over 8,000 feet.

(Opposite Page)

(Top)

Blue grama and sideoats grama are two of the best grasses that grow in the open stands of juniper in the Davis Mountains of Texas. They are warm season grasses. However, finest needlegrass, a cool season grass grows on the shady side of trees. It remains green during cool seasons when livestock graze it in preference to the gramas. Here is an example of where finest needlegrass, growing in the shade of alligator juniper, has been winter grazed while adjoining gramas have had much less use.

(Bottom)

The ash-gray checkered bark of alligator juniper makes it easy to know it from other junipers.

Where growing conditions are favorable, the older trees often produce fairly straight logs 10 to 20 feet long. Best trees were cut out by early settlers and used for fuel, posts, log houses, sheds, barns, store houses and for minor bridge construction.

The wood is especially adapted for use in lead pencil manufacture. In Chihuahua, the leaves are boiled and the juice used as a treatment for rheumatism and similar ailments. The berries are eaten by humans during food shortages. Many wild animals eat the seeds, some of which go through the digestive tracts unharmed and provide the seed source for new plants far beyond their source of origin.

Alligator juniper is not one of the pest types of junipers that crowd our ranges where grass has declined. The harvest of commercial sized trees hold the spread in check in most places. Young alligator junipers develop into densely leafed, teepee-shaped trees that give good soil protection. As the trees mature, lower limbs die off so grasses can obtain sufficient sunlight to form good turf up to the bases of tree trunks.

Seedling trees can be transplanted about as readily as other junipers. Growth of young trees is fairly rapid and they develop into handsome, durable ornamental trees on good sites.

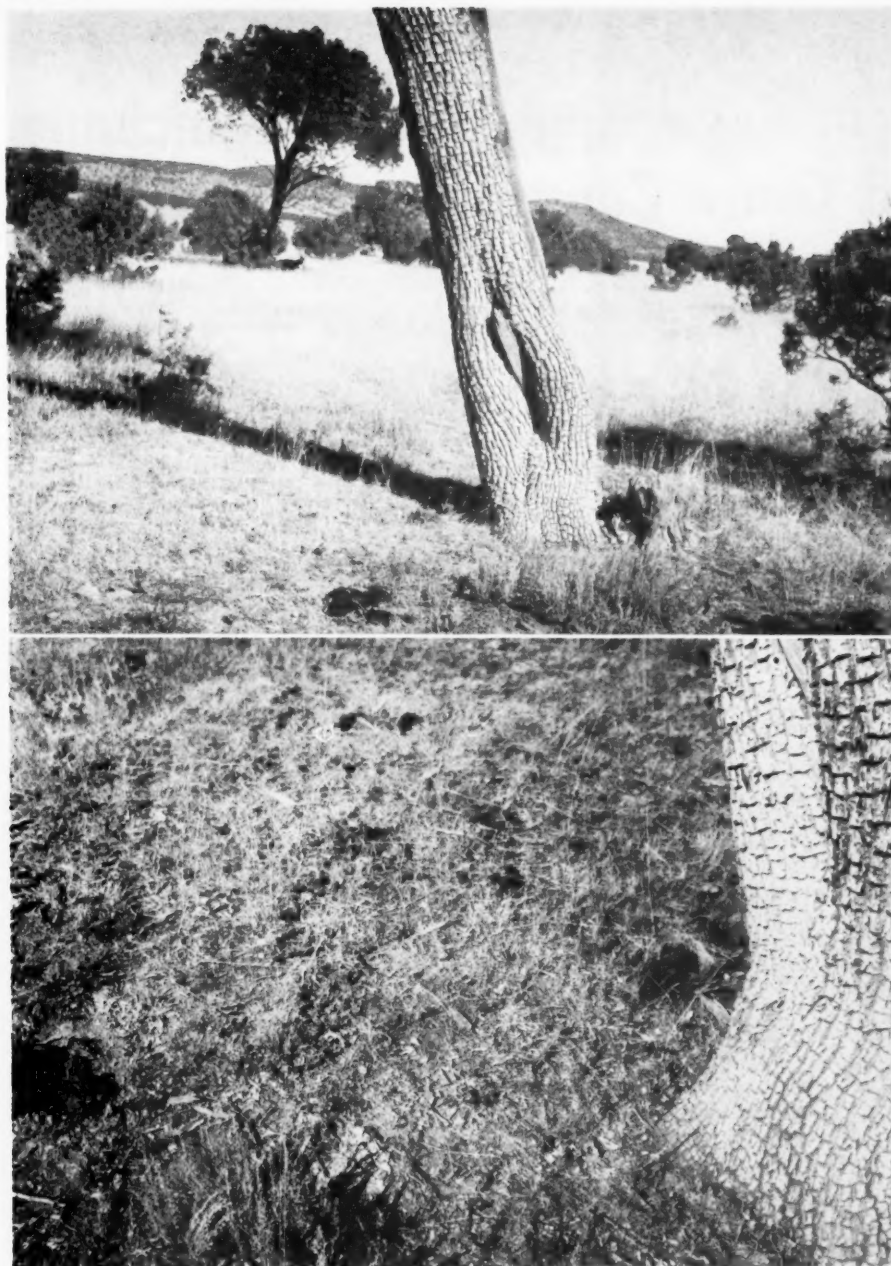
(Top)

In the central foreground alligator juniper and oneseed juniper form savannah with grasses. Trees on hillsides in background are grey and emory oaks. McDonald Observatory is on top of the highest hill.

(Bottom)

Large trees and some of the younger ones are alligator junipers. Blue grama is the most abundant grass.





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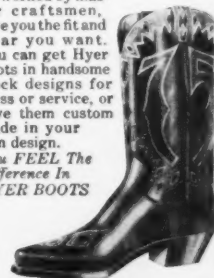
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Ranch Lands in Better Condition as Ranchmen Become More Grass Conscious

By LOUIS P. MERRILL
Regional Director
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Fort Worth, Texas

TEXAS RANCHERS have been getting more and more interested in grasses the last few years, and nowadays at any time you may run into one of them who will tell you right off that he considers good grass the foundation of the livestock industry.

This attitude among the owners and operators of range land toward grass has not come about in the space of a few weeks or months. But the change is more apparent day by day, and to the soil conservation districts must go most of the credit for helping the idea along. These districts and the Association of Texas Soil Conservation District Supervisors have

been hard at work making the ranchers of Texas — and their sons — grass-conscious.

Experience has been proving to conservation ranchers that it isn't the greatest number of stock that can be crowded onto a range that counts. Ranchers are looking instead to the added pounds and better quality of wool and mohair and meat, the increased kid and lamb crops that animals can produce when given plenty of good grass to eat.

Carey Owens, Brown - Mills Soil Conservation District ranchman, puts it this way: "Ranchers have got to start thinking in terms of profit in-

stead of volume of business. It's not the number of head a rancher carries but the profit he makes that is important."

A sound range conservation program is based on good grass. And the first step to putting permanent range conservation on the land is to convince ranchers of the value of grass — get them to see it on their own range and to realize that if given half a chance, grass will make good growth. This means resting the grass during the seeding period, then maintaining the right balance between number of livestock and amount of forage the range can produce.

Then, of course, when a range has plenty of grass cover, there is little or no erosion taking place on the land. But when a range is denuded of good grass, the land will not only erode but it will be plagued with invading shinnery, brush, mesquite and cedar.

Ranchers have made marked progress in range conservation. In fact, progress to date in getting a complete job of soil and water conservation done in Texas and neighboring Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma has indeed been encouraging. Ranchers and farmers cooperating with the 304 operating soil conservation districts in the four-state area which makes up the Western Gulf region forged ahead again last year by getting more soil conservation practices applied than during the previous year.

Of particular interest to Texas ranchers is the 2,584,060 acres of range improvement work accomplished in their state in the 12 months ending last June 30. This is a gain of 83 per cent over the previous 12-month total.

In the entire region, conservation farmers and ranchers put major soil and water conservation practices on 6,100,000 acres — a 9 per cent increase over the same period a year ago. The year's work brought the accumulated total of land properly treated in the four states to 28,997,800 acres.

For the nation as a whole, progress also was exceptionally good. The job of soil and water conserva-

tion was completed nearly three times faster than in 1943 and more than double the 1945 rate. The cost to the American taxpayer to survey, plan and treat an acre of land decreased, however, by 7 per cent.

Improvement of range in the Western Gulf region increased 53 per cent to 3,010,900 acres last year. Seeding of range to good forage grasses totalled 102,700 acres, a gain of 28 per cent. Seeding of pastures was up 18 per cent to 504,700 acres.

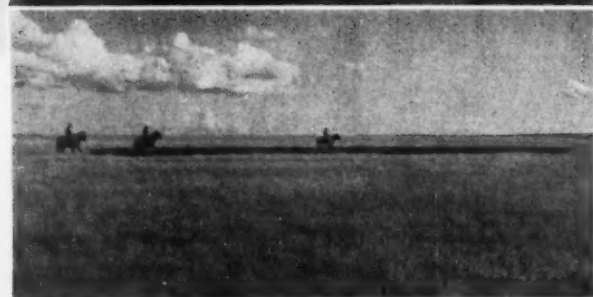
These figures point out the progress we're making in our race to complete the job of conservation as rapidly as possible, yet without sacrificing the lasting quality of the work we do. But improving rangelands, saving soil and forest and water is not, and must never be, an end in itself. It is only a means to the end of better living and greater security for all our people.

The objective of soil conservation districts already formed by landowners, and the goal of districts yet to be created, is to advance the general welfare of all the people by the preservation, improvement and wise use of our soil and water resources.

The lambs that went from the Bryan Hunt ranch in south of Sonora in Sutton County struck it lucky, according to Harry Curtis of McCulloch County, who bought them. "My country is in good enough shape to be sheep heaven," he declared. The area south of Sonora has been one of the few areas hard hit because of drouth. However, along toward the middle of the last week of September about one and one-half inches of rain fell.

Joe Chandler of Dryden bought 550 solid mouth ewes from Fred Ball of San Angelo at \$18 a head. Chandler also bought 100 Suffolk bucks at \$30 a head from L. F. Sneed of Sonora, and 224 Rambouillet ewes from Harper Weatherby of Big Lake.

The Teague ranch near Boerne, Texas was reported sold the latter part of September to a Mr. Irvin of Oklahoma for a reported price of \$120,000 for the 4,000 acres.



(Top) Ewes and lambs grazing on good range on the W. N. and L. R. Reed ranch near Sterling City, Texas. Grass includes buffalo, sideoats grama and tobosa. Stock make good gains on this kind of grass.

(Center) Herdsmen tend sheep on good tobosa range on the George Jones ranch near Marfa, Texas. Most Texas ranchers now realize the importance of grass to the livestock industry.

(Bottom) Sheep in poor flesh graze severely overused buffalo and curly mesquite grass range. Notice the extensive weed cover that came in when good range grasses were grazed out by overuse.

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by E. R. EUDALY
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be kept that will aid in identifying and tracing stolen sheep.

2. This Association respectfully requests and urges the manufacturers of jute wool bags to improve their manufacturing processes to prevent the present condition whereby there are small loose pieces of jute in the bags which mingle with the wool, will not take a dye and damage the manufactured product.

3. It is the opinion of this Committee (Predatory Animal Committee) that in parts of the State Preda-

tory animals are on the increase. There appears to be a shortage of hunters over the State. It has been reported to this Committee that in several counties the money is available to employ hunters but that the ranchmen have been unable to secure them. We hereby request Mr. Landon to take this matter up with his supervisors and try to remedy this condition by getting more hunters in these areas.

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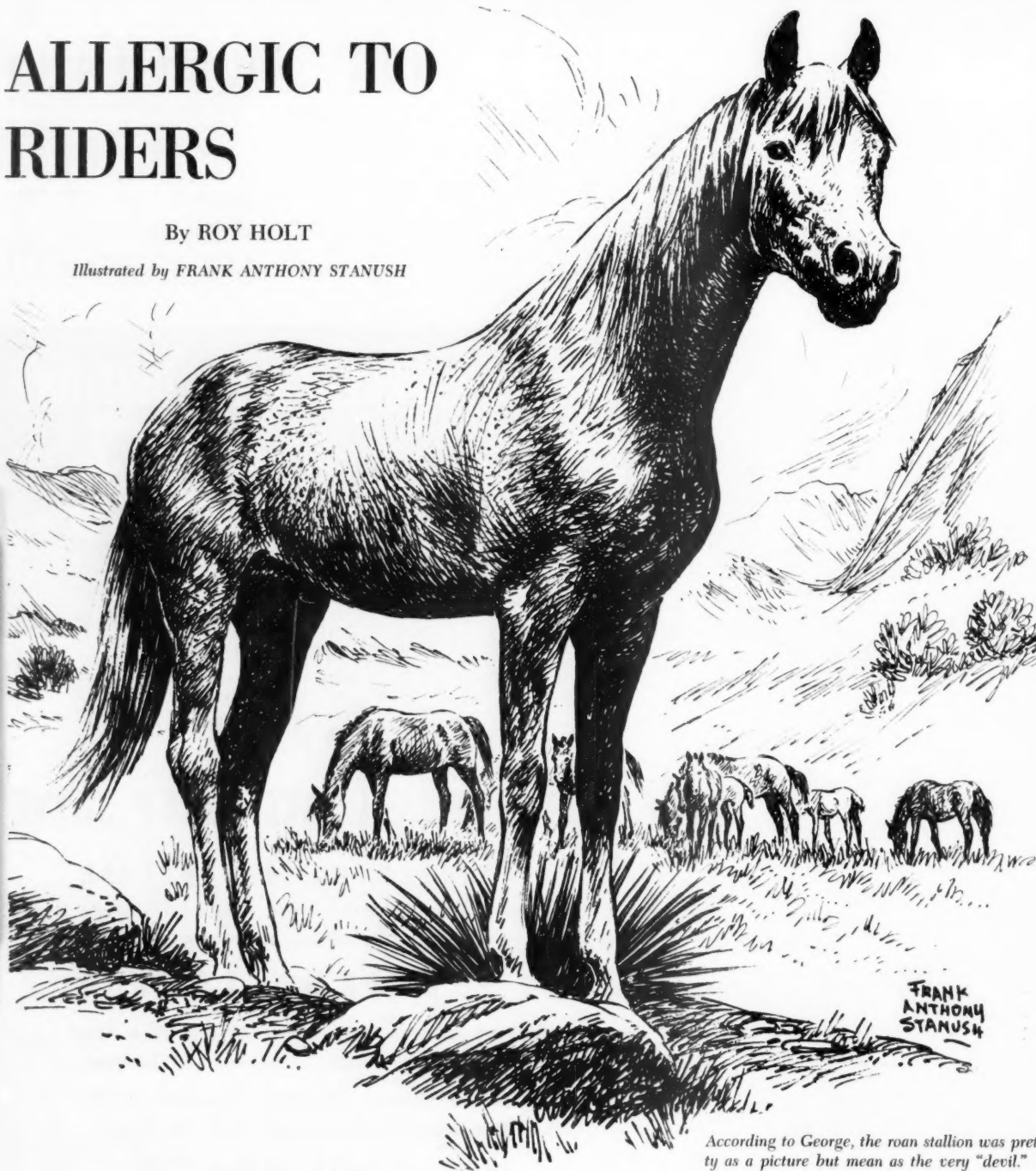
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ALLERGIC TO RIDERS

By ROY HOLT

Illustrated by FRANK ANTHONY STANUSH



According to George, the roan stallion was pretty as a picture but mean as the very "devil."

"A REAL cowboy has to ride a broncho as wild as a Caribbean hurricane. He is thrown many times before he learns to stay on top, but he gets up smiling, wipes the bull-pen dust out of his eyes and tries it again . . . When he is thrown over the corral fence he washes the confetti out of his hair, spits up a mouthful of dirt and simply says that the horse must be allergic to riders . . ."

— Austin Callan in the San Angelo Standard-Times, San Angelo, Texas.

AS A boy in Coleman County, Texas, I was brought up on horseback and

on horse yarns. Papa had been a cowboy, but even after he turned farmer, kept right on raising a few horses and telling more horse lore than he raised horses. Grandpa had been a Texas Ranger and he kept riding horseback until after he had passed the four-score mark. Papa and Grandpa loved horses and naturally talked horses. I think I must have inherited the trait, too. Then, also, lots of riders in driving horses and cattle past our house, used our pens at night and stayed all night with us. On the front gallery, after supper, Papa and the visitors nearly always got around to talking horses and riders.

Although I happened to get here a little late to be a real cowboy, I learned the taste of gravel and the feel of mesquite and prickly pear thorns when I failed to co-ordinate with my horse when he made a move one direction while I moved the other. About the time I came along, some durn fool had been experimenting with raising cane in West Texas and he, sort of accidentally-like found out that the stuff would grow, some years, and that horses and cows liked the taste of it when a blue norther was whistling across the prairies. Somebody else, probably with that boasted "Texan ingenuity and sheer doggedness," figured it out that cotton

might grow also and so nearly everybody started plowing up some good grassland.

Personally, I always liked the "horse age" better than the "cotton age," and even better than the "gas age" in some ways. I'll always remember the spills I got from Old Hawk, gentle old family horse that Papa had trained as a cutting horse on Turner ranch, but I know of auto riders today who get spills that make mine look as easy as the way Russia votes a veto today.

All the foregoing is merely introductory, intended to establish my qualifications for passing on to you a few yarns concerning Texas horses

of other days — horses that were "allergic to riders."

Those Texas Mustangs

Mustang horses simply resented civilization and believed in fighting for their rights and freedom. One old Texan described them "as deceivin' as a grass widow." They would kick, paw, bite and jump upon a would-be rider. One visitor to Texas stated that these mustang ponies were "demons incarnate" with India rubber for a spine. One old cowboy said that his pony had "a belly full of bed springs." Another old cowboy related that he once had a horse that he finally "had to give up and admit was the best man." "Why that horse could pitch more ways than a Chinaman could write," he said, and told about the time a man from Ringling Brothers Show happened to be coming through West Texas and saw the cowboy trying to ride that mount. The showman evidently thought the cowboy was showing off a trick horse and offered him a contract to go with the show and put on that act twice each day. All the cowboy was doing was trying his best to stay on that mustang. The cowboy further related that once when this animal threw him, he went so durn high that he saw the courthouse steeples in three adjacent West Texas counties, the nearest one of which was at least thirty-seven miles distant, as the crow flies.

Another old-time cowboy who rode range from South Texas to the Canadian border, and all over the Old

West, told of a horse he had once owned, Old Satan. The cowboy and a young lady were starting to a dance and when the cowboy mounted the skittish horse, his left foot became hung in the stirrup. The pitching horse threw the rider backward and dragged him across the prairie, hoofs flying all over the cowboy's upturned face. By frantic kicking the cowboy released his foot. Satan escaped and was found a month later with a bunch of wild mustangs, still wearing the cowboy's saddle. Satan was finally rounded up and sold to an Irishman who started in to give the pony some proper training. He instructed a companion to go a short distance down the road and hide behind a pile of brush and then jump out as the Irishman galloped past. The new owner explained that he wanted the pony trained so as not to scare at strange objects. The plan was tried out but the mustang was "allergic" to learning perhaps. The Irishman was picked up with a skinned face and a bruised body. He swore at his helper for scaring the horse too hard. He said, "Ye should have sprung out o' the brush easy like."

Papa used to tell this story on one of our neighbors. About the time this neighbor was sixteen the open range in that section was a thing of the past. Fenced pastures and even some farms were the new order. This neighbor boy, we'll call him Jim, had an overpowering desire to be a real cowboy and go on west to some big

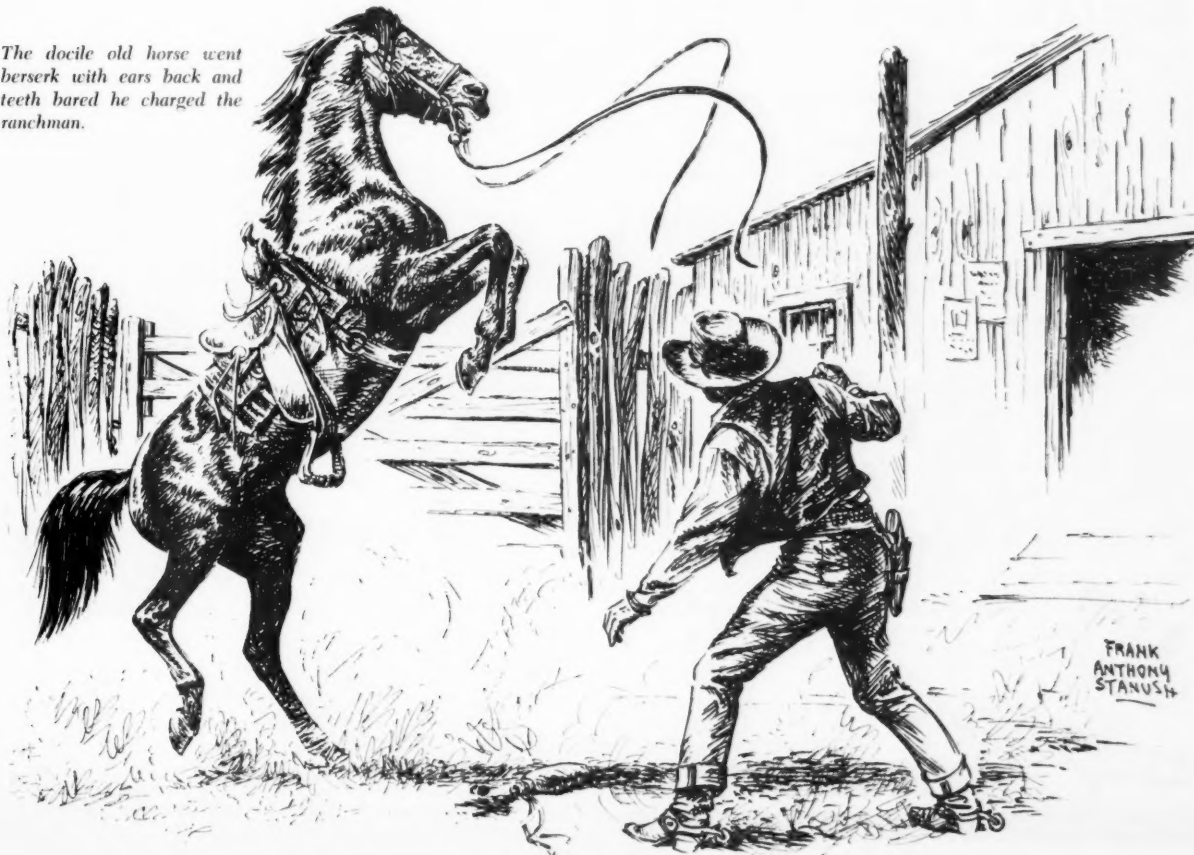
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spread. He worked hard and finally owned two cowponies, Old Dun and Old Ball, and what riding equipment he thought he would need. When the time came to leave home, his father refused to give permission and some hot words passed. Jim decided to run away and so stealthily collected all his equipment in the barn. That night he slipped out of the house, went to the pen near the barn and caught Old Ball and placed an old saddle upon him. Jim used this as a pack saddle and upon it he tied a blanket roll, a flour sack containing clothes, another sack containing grub, and then a frying pan. Old Ball viewed the whole proceeding with suspicion but stood still. Jim then took his lariat and went to catch Old Dun, a pure Spanish mustang, standing over in the corner of the pen asleep. Jim walked up close and threw his loop. The pony ducked his head, wheeled like lightning, and with a loud snort kicked at Jim, barely missing his head. The boy thought at first that he was badly hurt but finding that he could still breathe and walk about, he secured his rope from the corral dirt and set out to rope the pony. This proved to be no small task in the dark, although Jim prided himself on his roping prowess. Old Dun raced around the pen just out of Jim's reach. To add to the confusion, Old Ball now joined in the fun and began to gallop about the pen with his pack flying up and down, making enough noise to wake the dead. Jim thought. Finally, Jim managed to snare Old

Dun and saddled him without much trouble, vowing all the time, however, that he would ride the old horse so far that night that he would never give any more bother. Jim led his two horses outside the pen. He mounted Old Dun, holding the lead rope in his right hand. Old Dun and Ball both stood quietly waiting while Jim took one long farewell look at his home which he might never see again. He then touched Old Dun lightly with his spurs and the horse moved slowly away. Old Ball hung back and Jim yanked hard on his rope. Old Dun began to prance about a bit, the lead rope dropping under his tail as Old Ball moved forward.

Old Dun then jumped high in the air and put on a bucking spree there in the dark that people would now pay good money to see. On the first jump, Jim lost both stirrups. On the second jump he landed on the saddle horn. He grasped this like a shipwrecked sailor holding to his board, but all in vain. On the third jump, the rider went sailing high in the air and when he came to earth Old Dun was not there. He landed in a sitting position, feeling badly jarred. After rubbing his body to see how many bones were broken, Jim arose, caught the two horses and led them back to the barn. Quickly unsaddling them and hiding his gear, he slipped back to the house and to his bed.

It was several years later that Jim explained why he was a farmer instead of a cowboy. "Old Dun taught me plenty. He showed me in about three crow-hops that I couldn't even ride a gentle horse much less some jughead that really meant business."

Didn't Want To Farm

An old cowboy married and settled down on a little ranch of his own. One day he saddled his horse and rode over to a neighbor's house to get



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some cane seed to plant. He had never farmed any, but his wife's insistence at length forced him to the unpleasant task. He secured the flour sack containing the seed but, when he dropped the reins on the ground and started to tie the sack on the saddle, the old cowpony began to shy away rapidly and look the sack over with considerable suspicion. The old ranchman later said, "that hoss had plenty of ideas of his own, I reckon. He wuz what my daughter's college books called a rugged individual." The ranchman, holding the sack in his arms, tried to approach the horse, circling out of his reach. He then tried to grasp the bridle reins, still holding the sack, but these were pulled through his fingers. He then tried talking to the pony but this had no calming effect. This little game of "ring around Rosy" continued for some minutes, the ranchman getting red in the face and sweating profusely but determined to outwit the horse.

Finally, he placed the sack on the top of a large fence post, caught the horse without any trouble and mounted. Riding up near the sack, he turned and backed the pony close enough to the post to enable him to hurriedly grab the sack and pull it onto the saddle in front of him. "Now, I guess you see who's boss around here," he triumphantly remarked to his horse. The pony answered immediately by downing his head and beginning to buck stiff-legged in a short circle. The flour sack came untied and, in spite of the frantic efforts of the ranchman to hold the sack and the reins and keep his seat all at the same time, the seed began to fly in every direction. Before he realized what was really happening, the rider who had stayed with many a star-hunting and sun-fishing bronc was flung high in the air, still clutching the almost empty bag. He came down hard, in a sitting position, but with his spirits cooled considerably. The pony stopped a few feet away and gazed reproachfully at his master. The old cowboy looked at the horse a few moments and then at the scattered cane seed trampled in the turf.

"Hell, I didn't want to farm, anyhow," he remarked aloud.

Just Couldn't Ride Him

Rome Shield, early resident of Trickham on Mukewater Creek in Coleman County, later moved on westward and was elected sheriff of the vast, far-flung Tom Green County. Early one morning he went to the corral and saddled his fine saddle horse, which was "gentle as a kitten." Unexpectedly the horse pitched and the high sheriff lost all official dignity when he hit the dust.

His wife had been looking out the window to wave goodbye as the sheriff rode away and thus saw the sudden catastrophe. She rushed to the fallen official.

"Rome, are you hurt? You could have ridden him if you had known that he was going to pitch couldn't you?"

He replied to the second question only, "Hell no! I couldn't have ridden him if he had given me thirty days written notice!"

A tenderfoot fresh from England once made a trip up the trail with an outfit driving a herd of Texas horses. He nagged the boss for permission to ride a bucking horse until the latter consented. Accommodating cowboys roped a pony, saddled, and blindfolded it. The tenderfoot mounted and said to the horse, "Go away, Old Chap. I have ridden far worse horses than you." But the horse stood still, all humped up. The boss told the rider to hit the horse with his hat and this was done. Instantly, the horse and the Englishman went straight up in the air with heads toward the east but came to earth facing the west. The Englishman hit the ground running. He yelled, "Oh, the bloomin' rascal would not play fair. He made such peculiar movements, I lost my balance."

Plumb Locoed

One morning a ranchman in Coleman County saddled up his horse preparatory to riding his pasture. As he was tying the bottle of worm medicine on the saddle, all hell broke loose when the bottle fell and struck the ground under the horse's forefeet. The docile old horse went berserk. With ears back and teeth bared, he charged the ranchman who was surprising agility ducked into the saddle shed and slammed the door. The old horse stood on his hind feet and hammered at the door with his front feet. The ranchman, now thoroughly aroused, seized a scantling and slipped out a side door of the shed, determined to teach the locoed animal a lesson. He eased up to the horse and struck him with the board. This apparently made bad matters worse for the animal whirled and, with teeth snapping, made for the man. The ranchman again took shelter in the shed, with the horse fanning his shirttail.

Just then the ranchman's ten-year-old son came around the corner of the shed in time to see the last spurt of the race. He jumped up and down in excitement and shouted, "Don't let 'im hurt you, pa! Don't let 'im hurt you!"

The crazed horse turned and made for the boy, who darted into the cutting chute and under the bottom board to safety. All the while he continued to yell at the top of his voice, "Don't let 'im hurt you, Pa!"

The ranchman followed the horse into the chute, seized the cheek of the bridle and managed to get the saddle and bridle removed. Then he quickly moved away from the horse, remarking, "We've had about enuff rodeo fer one day. Les go an' dig post holes fer awhile. I'd shoot that old hoss right between the eyes, if he was worth the powder an' lead it'd take to kill 'im."

Old Strawberry Roan

George Adams, old-time Negro cowboy and top-rider on the 7D spread on the Pecos, used to tell the story of an old strawberry roan outlaw. Incidentally, the 7D horses were noted all over the west for their meanness, such being described in the old cowboy song, "Zebra Dun." According to George, the roan stallion was pretty as a picture but mean as the very "debbil." George and another wadie managed to rope the horse in a bend of the sinuous Pecos. Although

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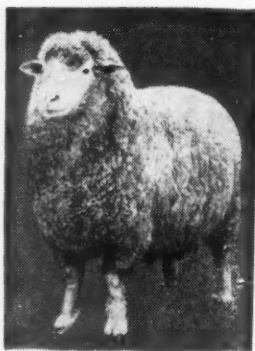


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the horse fought like a wildcat, they managed to choke him down and saddle him. George topped him off and thought he was going to ride him to a finish, but suddenly the horse bade fair to paw the milky way and then fell backward. The rider fell clear but was again in the saddle when old Roan got to his feet. The same thing happened repeatedly. The two cowboys got tired of this and took the horse to a high bluff overlooking the Pecos. Here the other cowboy took his turn in the saddle but again the Roan fell backward. The rider slipped to safety but the outlaw went over the cliff and hit in water deep enough to make him swim.

The riders scurried down the river bank and caught the horse. He kicked, pawed and tried to bite them. They put two lariats around his neck but he almost got away with George's saddle. At length they choused him to the top of the bluff and again George's companion mounted. The horse still had plenty of spunk and fight. Again he fell backward, almost pinning the rider this time.

In disgust, the two punchers hazed the horse to a corral made of strong poles and at least seven feet high. They expected to give the horse another lesson the next morning but when they returned to the pen the Roan was missing. He had jumped the fence and gone back to the wild bunch.

Several months later, George was among the 7D hands who rounded up a bunch of horses and drove them to Amarillo, selling them to Panhandle ranchmen. Old Roan, prettier than ever, fat and glossy, long flowing mane and tail - was in the bunch. He acted as gentle as you please and did not give a particle of trouble when rounded up on the

range or anywhere along the trail. None of the hands offered to ride him, however.

The last time George saw Old Roan was in a strong corral in Amarillo. The magnificent animal stood proudly, head high and neck arched, gazing across the plains. George said that he still liked the Roan's looks and felt a little sad at leaving him there in a strange country so far from his native Pecos range. Taking a last look at the horse, George decided however that Old Roan could take care of himself. As George rode away, he spoke to the old outlaw in farewell. "Goodbye, Ole Hoss. I'll be lookin' fer ye back down on the Pecos. They won't be bothered with ye very long up here."

And the new owners were not really bothered with Old Roan very long. George said that when he went to the Amarillo country on the next trail trip, he was somehow glad to hear that the old outlaw had jumped that coral fence in Amarillo, made for the open country and had soon collected a harem of wild mustangs. In that region where any moving object could be seen for immense distances in any direction, no human could approach near to the wild stallion.



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Harper, Texas

PEOPLE CRAZY?

September 20, 1950
WELL, THE country is in fine shape, but could use some rain. Will start sowing grain Monday. Have some sheep at Cen-Tex Fair in Temple and plan to go to Dallas.

Of course the Delaine business was never better, and everything and anything that can walk is changing hands. Never saw people so crazy in my life, but maybe they are just plain intelligent. Who knows?

CLYDE GLIMP
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ON THE BALL

August 21, 1950
CAN'T GET along without your nice magazine—have just been too busy to write before. We think your magazine is really on the ball.

ISAAC R. HUNTER
Dowagiac, Michigan

CURRY HAS GOOD YEAR

S. E. CURRY of Plainview, Texas, writes the magazine that he has sold and delivered 259 ram lambs; that he is sold out for the season. He has 570 registered and purebred Suffolk ewes and will start lambing the middle of October. He says prospects look promising for a good lamb crop. He plans to breed 200 odd ewe lambs in the spring, making him 700 Suffolk ewes to lamb in 1951.

Mr. Curry reports a wonderful season for his wheat; that about half of the wheat was planted September 29 and that with about ten days of clear weather all the wheat should be planted. He said he believed that wheat planted around the first of October would grow off and graze more quickly than lots of early wheat.

He reports a lot of rain in his section this fall and declared that it had damaged the grade of the grain sorghum but not too bad if they should have about two weeks of clear weather.

Mr. Curry reported that forty to fifty per cent of the wheat was planted in Hale, Castro, Deaf Smith and Swisher Counties and that with ten days of clear weather it would all be planted.

DOPE SHEET

September 11, 1950
I GLORY in all the articles written that come under the heading of the Dope Sheet on pages 46 and 47. (September). I think the richest article is the one SAD.

Come again and hit them hard. We need more men that will fearlessly write and tell the truth.

E. B. KOTHMANN
Mason, Texas

MONTANA SHEEPMEN HAVE THEIR TROUBLES

September 13, 1950
YOUR WONDERFUL magazine came to me today through the mail. I enjoy reading every line—a wonderful and helpful sheep magazine. We had our first big snow today. There has been near a foot since this morning. It is still falling and everything is covered with snow up in this high altitude. I have put some 14 tons of hay up, and most all my oats are still in shocks out in this snow. I drove out to ranch since noon and the snow is up to the axle on the car and soft mud with it. Oh, well, why grumble—our seasons are short in Montana. Been quite warm here until a few days ago. We had several big white frosts and then this snow, but it will go away.

We will have our short fall and a long winter. I will have a few fall lambs beginning September 27 up to October 16; ewes that did not lamb last spring. I had 12 last fall and

raised 8 nice lambs that will go 100 lbs. or better.

We have had a terrible scourge of grasshoppers this year in Montana. They ate all my young oats to a stem and everything else green and tender. Millions of them are on my ranch under the snow. Maybe you don't have grasshoppers to plague you down there like Montana. We also have lots of jack rabbits to help destroy what the grasshoppers didn't eat. I shot 11 around my oats—thousands of gophers, too. I picked up 9 coyotes in my field that I had poisoned. I have to do this every year to survive. I use a rifle, shotgun, and poison and I come out about even at the end of the year. I live like all ranchers. Work hard to sur-

vive and pay my honor bills and taxes. Life is hard with us up here. I wish I could visit your fairs and see your nice livestock that you exhibit down there. I read about it on top of the world up here and enjoy all of it. Maybe more next time.

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Beal Pumphrey of the Union Stock Yards, San Antonio, writes that effective October 2 the cattle and calf daily market will open at 9 o'clock, or an hour later than during summer months. This will give more time during daylight hours for the B.A.I. and brand inspectors to inspect the cattle before the market opens.

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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By Sheep and Goat Raiser Chicago Bureau

CONTINUED replacement buying all over the country remains the talk of the trade in all livestock circles. Probably of secondary interest is the move recently made by choice to prime steers, top having edged to \$33.75 for 1,300 to 1,500 pound average. Light yearlings have reached and passed \$33.00. Best fed heifers are selling around \$31.75, these creating less comment, however, than the plainness of little grassy killer heifers selling under \$24.00.

Inasmuch as no one had expected much endurance in the recent hog market when top went to \$25.50, there has been little concern in a \$3.00 to \$4.00 break. But the fall has not been only pretty fast, but continuous and severe and now sentiment is that for a while at least, top prices may have been pretty well stabilized around \$22.00. In the ovine world mounting killer prices in recent weeks are evidently over for awhile. There is much less surety about feeder lamb values, however. Thin lambs broke at Denver as mid-September approached but other intermountain markets, and the river held steady, so it was hard to tell whether the reaction at Denver meant anything permanent or was just one of those things — maybe a breathing spell presaging even higher prices. Stand-out fat western lambs are hardly quotable above \$28.50 but this price won't buy good hardy feeders anywhere up north. In fact, light New Mexicos have been held at the price. They may have been sold pretty close to this figure.

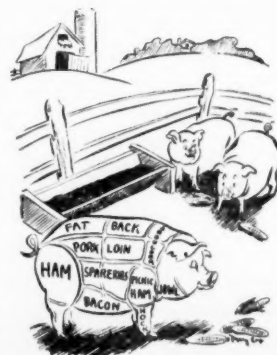
The urge behind choice to prime steers is comparative scarcity on one hand and increased demand on the other. Fat cattle still predominate but the proportion of high-good and choice offerings, comprising a deluge all summer, has abated. So now eastern shippers are riding fast, and large and small packers are following to the extent that many more grain fed steers and yearlings are bringing \$32.00 upward.

With westerns scarce, practically everything reflecting feeder merit having been sold outright or contracted out west, there is still a very reliable market on middle and lower grade slaughter steers, heifers and cows. Westerns, neither steers nor heifers have been arriving in numbers at Chicago or the river. Because they hardly care to be eaten up by increased income taxes many ranchers out west are selling steers but holding heifers. Accordingly, all female replacement cattle are bringing long prices, young Montana cows and heiferettes at Chicago going out at \$24.50. Plenty of older cows are bringing \$22.00 down and heifer calves, if choice, are way up around \$30.00. Of course, outstanding steer calves have sold as

high as \$38.00 at Denver. For a long pull, however, this probably doesn't mean as much as several hundred heifer calves in the Northern Low Plains of the Southwest at \$30.00, or recently delivered whiteface cows and calves in the Rio Grande Plains at \$197.50.

Not only thin cattle but feeder lambs, ewe lambs and older breeding sheep have become surprisingly scarce in first hands. Plenty of western lambs have gone back at \$28.75 to \$29.00. Up to \$29.25 has not been uncommon and 55 pounders have brought \$30.00 at the river. With little left in first hands up north, buyers are scouring the Southwest where other buyers have usually been there first. This tends to raise asking prices every day. Wool buyers are even more competitive, record world prices having led to broad contracting from Texas to California. Naturally pelt values have been measurably increased, and the war-inspired upsurge in wool being counted on to take much of the inflation out of apparently long prices paid this season for feeder lambs.

Surely this has helped Texas bred No. One and No. Two skin corn belt fed yearlings show a profit in bringing \$24.50 to \$25.50 at Chicago this season. Similar yearlings, put in too high, lost money last year. World wool prices are likewise at least one of the incentives in the widest movement of breeding ewes and ewe lambs in years. The cornbelt as well as many other sections of the country are taking back otherwise suitable ewes almost regardless of mouth conditions. Buyers in early September were trying to contract wool from owners they knew at 65 to 85 cents, with indications that 250,000 fleeces had been signed. There is more talk about "dollar" wool than any time in recent history which along with relatively high dressed lamb prices in



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big consuming centers and the practical surety of record employment for months to come, explain why many who had quit the game are getting back into sheep and others who had whittled down are trying to expand.

But whether consumers will eat enough lamb, including heavy cuts and carcasses, at prices high enough which when added to record wool prices, to make winter feeding profitable, is not causing nearly as much concern as surrounds winter cattle operations, with feeders averaging \$27.00 to \$33.00, with little below \$25.00, yet a good many light yearlings and calves well above \$33.00. It's a beef country, however, and even though winter hogs recently loom a little heavier than last year, it is felt that the biggest work army in history will be in their buying. Hence buyers still want thin cattle, the practical certainty of lots of soft corn in Illinois and Iowa having recently stimulated demand from winter finishers who normally wait for a fall break. Naturally, pork still wholesaling to 60 cents, will cheapen to compete during the winter with beef, all grades of which remain high, but few believe either hogs or pork will fall as low as last year.

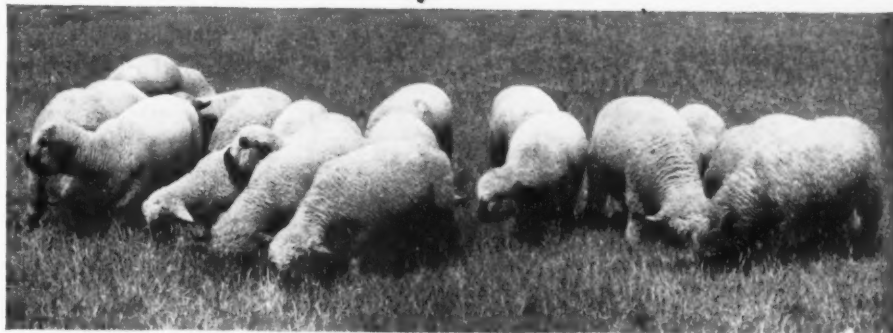
Thus instead of a Chicago low last winter of \$16.00 many predict the bottom this year at \$18.00, certainly not under \$17.00, with better than \$20.00 hogs in vogue for several months to come. By mid-September the Red Army in Korea was falling apart, but military expansion prom-

ises to go on at home, in Asia and in Europe even if China and Russia fail to make a move. Hence inflationary influences are at work, some part of which are naturally due livestock without confusing federal price control. Top steers at \$35.00, at least \$20.00 winter hogs and winter fed lambs at or not so far below \$28.00—some expect \$30.00—would certainly be no higher, comparatively, than other food items or industrial products.

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WORLD SHEEP NUMBERS AND WOOL PRODUCTION

IT IS difficult to obtain an accurate indication of world sheep population during the war years as no official census was taken for many countries. It appears, however, that the rising trend in world sheep numbers, which began in 1935-36 was maintained until 1940-41.

In any case, in the year for which latest figures are available, 1945-46, the world sheep population was 747,000,000. At this time Australia had 96,000,000. Russia had 72,000,000.

Argentina with 56,000,000 was third in importance, followed by India, 48 million, U. S. A., 44 million, South Africa, 35 million and New Zealand, 33 million.

On world wool production the Committee compiled these figures:

Of a world total production of 3,273 million pounds in 1945-46, Australia contributed 933 million pounds, Russia, with only 24 million less sheep than Australia, however, produced only 220 million pounds of wool.

The Argentine produced 467 million pounds; U. S. A., 375 million pounds; New Zealand, 363 million pounds; and South Africa, 210 million pounds.

In the year 1946, Australia exported 1,100 million pounds of raw wool; the Argentine, 455 million pounds; South Africa, 474 million pounds; and New Zealand, 364 million pounds. Normally, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa accounted for 90 per cent of the total world wool exported.

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PREDATOR CONTROL IS A BIG PROBLEM TO TEXAS RANCHMEN

PREDATORY animal control is a big problem in Texas and its size is indicated by the annual report on the predatory control operations of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The report reveals that 30,395 predatory

animals were taken during the control year 1949-50 by their hunters.

During the past year, predatory animal control work was carried on in 106 counties in the state by an average force of 130 hunters. In addition

to this work, a few ranchers employed their own hunters, and game associations and county governments paid bounties for trapping the animals.

Of the 30,395 animals taken last year, 27,176 were coyotes. An important part of this catch included a total of 1,105 coyote pups which were taken from dens, mostly in the Lubbock area. A new record was set in taking a total of 2,829 bobcats in Texas last year. Since very few bobcats are caught accidentally while trapping coyotes, the number taken was primarily the result of a special effort toward bobcat control with steel traps.

Widespread control action in wolf country resulted in a total of 356 red wolves being taken last year, an increase of 50 percent over the number taken in 1948-49. Although no specific full-time projects are directed toward mountain lion control, 18 of these animals were caught by the hunters in addition to their other predator control activities.

R. E. Callender, wildlife conservation specialist of the Texas A. & M. College Extension Service, reports that county agricultural agents estimate the damage from loss of livestock and poultry by predators to be more than \$1,000,000 annually.

Examples of the damage caused by predators are given in reports from federal field assistants and government hunters. Field assistant Darwin Ivy of Marfa reports that from June 10 to June 22, a female coyote is known to have killed a total of 12 sheep on the Frank Newman Ranch, located 15 miles southeast of Marfa in Presidio County.

In May, Hunter Jim Shely was sent to the Briscoe Ranch in the northern part of Uvalde County, to catch a coyote which was killing lambs and kids. About 70 lambs and kids were reported killed by this one coyote on the Briscoe and Joe Roberts ranches. Shely took the coyote in a few days.

An incident is reported by Hunter Teodoro Perez in which a coyote had been destroying watermelons. In one

night, this coyote bit into six watermelons which were just pinking. Since these melons average 30 pounds each and were worth five cents a pound, this was a loss of \$9.00 in a single night.

According to J. E. Poore, assistant leader for the Texas Predatory Animal Control District, Texas A. & M. College, predatory animal control work is conducted on a cooperative basis, a portion of the cost being paid from federal funds appropriated for this purpose and a portion being paid by the local cooperator, which consists of an individual, a group of individuals, or counties. Hunters are employed on a monthly salary basis. Poore suggests that stockmen who need this service write to C. R. Landon, Box 1941, San Antonio, Texas.

RANGE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY TO MEET IN SAN ANGELO

THE TEXAS section of the American Society of Range Management, an organization composed of technical men interested in various phases of range management, ranchmen and others interested in promoting and protecting the welfare of range land, has scheduled its annual meeting in San Angelo December 8 and 9. The headquarters for the meeting will be the Cactus Hotel and a dinner for the membership is scheduled for the night of the 8th.

The general meeting on December 8 will feature some outstanding national authorities who will discuss range management problems. A general panel discussion of various angles of range management will be carried on December 9. The meeting will be open to all ranchmen interested and an attendance of several hundred is anticipated.

AUSTRALIA IMPOSES TAX ON WOOL EXPORTS

AN EXPORT tax on wool was imposed in principle by the Australian cabinet on September 14.

This is in addition to the contemplated 7½ per cent levy intended for use in setting up a trust fund to support wool prices at set minimums.

An export tax of 20 per cent would produce revenue of between 80 and 100 million Australian pounds.

The Australian wool growing industry went on record as opposing a suggestion by the vice-chancellor of the National University at Canberra, Sir Douglas Copland, that a 33½ per cent tax be imposed on wool proceed. The industry complains that wool growers would be singled out and would require no contributions from other sections of the community.

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Snag Posey says he wasted half his life fightin' Bermuda grass. Then he decided to run the whole farm as a Bermuda pasture, and every sprig of the stuff died.

Naw, I don't know everything. I was plumb stumped when my grandson asked why a man as smart as me had never been president.

If he's rich he's a criminal. How the samhill could he be rich if he wasn't dodgin' his income tax?

The guvverment says this country has 83 per cent more whisky on hand than at the start of World War II. This would be comfortin' news if we didn't have 183 per cent more consumers with 883 per cent more capacity.

Dunno what the restrants mean by southern fried chicken. Northern fried chicken now, it could be Plymouth Rock, Rhode Island, or New Hampshire.

This fight for local opshun sure puzzles me. We already got the opshun of drinkin' squawberry cordial or some sissy toilet water like tekeela.

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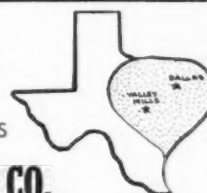
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TEXAS SHEEP AND LAMB PRICES SHOW CONSISTENT GAIN

SHEEP AND lamb prices went up at Texas stockyards during the first half of September due to good demand and smaller supplies, reports the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration.

One of the principal developments at San Antonio and Fort Worth this month was the centering of demand on replacement stock, both feeder lambs and breeding ewes. At many sessions, the bulk of slaughter offerings went on stocker and feeder ac-

counts at higher prices than those on the slaughter market.

Receipts of sheep and lambs in Texas continued to decline. Only about 10,000 head were yarded at Fort Worth by September 18, while some 4,300 moved through San Antonio. Compared to the same period in August, total receipts at the two Texas yards fell about 11,000 head lower.

Three important factors were behind reduction in supplies. First, marketings are seasonally low. Second-

ly, there has been a general decline in the country's sheep population. And lastly, contracting of feeder lambs on the range has increased. In fact, feeder shipments from terminal markets have been much smaller since many feedlots received lambs direct from range areas.

Feeder lambs and breeding ewes posted the sharpest price gain at San Antonio and Ft. Worth this month. With demand exceptionally good, supplies often fell short of filling all orders. In many cases, lambs and ewes brought in for slaughter were taken on stocker and feeder accounts and moved back to the country.

Compared to the close of August trade, feeding lambs were about \$1.50 to \$2.50 higher at Ft. Worth and around \$1 higher at San Antonio. On September 18th, feeder lambs changed hands at \$25.50 to \$27 per 100 pounds at Fort Worth while San Antonio paid \$24 to \$26.

Breeding ewes averaged about \$1 higher at San Antonio by mid-September as most offerings cleared at \$14 to \$17. Breeding ewes were very scarce at Fort Worth most of the month.

Sheep and lamb prices in the slaughter division at both of the Texas yards ranged from steady at \$1 higher. Spring lambs took the full advance at San Antonio and Fort Worth. However, some deals were only 75c higher at Fort Worth while other sales looked \$1.50 higher. By the 18th of September, medium and good spring lambs spread from \$27.50 to \$27.75 at Fort Worth and from \$24.50 to \$16 at San Antonio. Only a few of these offerings were in the wool.

Fort Worth priced shorn slaughter lambs of medium and good grade at \$25.50 but not many were offered at San Antonio.

Medium and good yearlings were about unchanged for the month of September at Fort Worth and San Antonio. However, common grades looked \$1 higher at \$18 in San Antonio. Medium and good lots moved in a narrow range of \$20 to \$22 at San Antonio, while Fort Worth took offerings with No. 2 pelts at \$21.

Aged wethers scored a \$1 advance at San Antonio but showed no change since the last of August at Fort Worth. Medium and good wethers crossed the scales at \$14 to \$15.75 in San Antonio and at \$15 to \$15.50 in Fort Worth.

Advance in ewes at Fort Worth range from 50c on culls to as much as \$1.50 on good grades. Cull ewes also gained 50c at San Antonio but higher grades held steady. Cull to medium slaughter ewes turned at \$12 to \$14.50 at Fort Worth and at \$10.50 to \$13.50 at San Antonio. By mid-month, good offerings drew \$14.50 at San Antonio and \$15 at Fort Worth.

Rise in live animal markets at Texas yards generally paralleled a \$1 to \$2 advance in wholesale dressed lamb

and mutton at Chicago and at New York.

Prices for mature goats also advanced at San Antonio but kid goats went down slightly. Although the fall shearing season for Angora goats neared a close, receipts increased. Some 9,000 goats were counted by September 18, compared with over 6,000 in the same period of August.

Cull Angora and Spanish type goats advanced \$1 per 100 pounds to sell at \$10.50 to \$11. Common and medium grades brought \$11.25 to \$12, or 50c to 75c higher than the close in August.

By mid-September, price range on kid goats stood at \$3 to \$7 per head. However, most sales returned \$5.50 to \$6.25 each.

Hog prices in Texas on September 18 were sharply lower than at the end of the previous month. Butcher hogs were from \$1.75 to \$2.25 per 100 pounds lower at Fort Worth and San Antonio. Sows and pigs fell as much as \$4 at Fort Worth but were only \$1 to \$2 off at San Antonio. Hog trends at Texas yards followed the sharp decline in wholesale dressed pork at Chicago and New York.

In the cattle division at Fort Worth and San Antonio, prices averaged steady to \$1 higher for the most part. Some stocker cows were up \$2 at Fort Worth while stocker yearlings advanced that much at San Antonio. A similar \$1 to \$2 rise marked trading in wholesale dressed beef, veal and lamb prices.

W. B. Payne of Abilene recently sold an eighteen section ranch near Capitan, New Mexico. The purchasers were not named and the price was said to be around \$13 an acre.

Herman Allen of San Angelo was reported early in September to have purchased from Jack Williams of Paint Rock and Floyd McMullan of Big Lake around 300 solid-mouth and spreader ewes off the O. L. Sims Ranch at Paint Rock at a reported price of \$17 for the solid-mouths and \$14.50 for the spreaders.



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CONSERVATIVE RANCHMAN IN GOOD CONDITION DECLARES BANKER

E. B. CARRUTH, JR., Vice-President, Chas. Schreiner Bank, Kerrville, who represents the Texas Bankers Association as one of Kerr County's main bankers, declares that the banks are doing by far the major part of agricultural financing and are, therefore, fulfilling their responsibility to this basic industry.

Mr. Carruth stated that Texas agriculturists borrowed less from banks during 1949 than during 1948, which is a good indication that Texas farms and ranches are in better condition and that the farmers and ranchmen are prepared to meet any emergency that may lie ahead.

In reporting on the ninth national survey of agricultural lending made by the Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association, Mr. Carruth pointed out that there was a decline in the number of new loans and in the total amount borrowed from all banks by Texas ranchmen and farmers in 1949. He stated that this decline is healthy because of the present uncertainties and the drop in agricultural income. "It shows that farmers and stockmen are wisely avoiding excessive debt and are holding on to their reserves to meet any possible emergency and some are even taking steps to get the necessary ranch help," Mr. Carruth said.

"In 1949, the last full year of operation, the 827 Texas banks serving agricultural communities loaned \$414,779,000 to 251,436 farmers and ranchmen to meet all types of financial needs. This is a decline from the 261,024 agricultural loans, totaling \$476,924,000 made by banks during 1948. Of the total amount loaned last year, \$397,833,000 was borrowed by 245,580 farmers and ranchmen to finance production and operational requirements. Of these loans, only \$175,190,000 were outstanding on January 1, 1950.

"During the year, there were 5,856 farmers and stockmen, representing only 1.5 per cent of all those in the state, who made real estate loans in an aggregate amount of \$16,946,000. The prosperity of the state's agriculture is shown by the fact that only \$26,565,000 in real estate loans was outstanding at the beginning of this year.

"The total of all bank-held farm and ranch debts in Texas on Jan. 1, 1950, was \$201,755,000."

Mr. Carruth noted that the average loan for production purposes was only \$1,620, and the average loan made on farm real estate was only \$2,894. He stated that one of the brightest aspects of the present agricultural debt situation is the small size of the average loan, indicating the service that banks are rendering to the owners of small ranches and farms.

"With the pent-up demand for equipment caused by World War II apparently satisfied, a larger and larger percentage of agricultural borrowings have been going into other long range improvements. These improvements, along with the growing trend in Texas to practice modern conservation and land management, will assure the importance of the state in the agricultural picture for years to come."

"With high wool, mohair, lamb and cattle prices, and with excellent range conditions for this time of year," Mr. Carruth said, "the conservative ranchmen are on a very sound basis, particularly since they are putting aside funds to meet ever-rising taxes and future expenses. A sharp drop in prices, should it come, will not find them as unprepared as in 1920-1921, for instance."

Walton Kothmann, Menard was reported about the middle of September to have purchased 1,200 Rambouillet-Corriedale crossbred lambs from George Grandstaff, Menard; 350 mixed lambs from Fritz Wilhelm and 250 mixed lambs from R. H. Kidd, paying a reported 26 cents and over for the lambs.

Sol Kelly of Sonora was the top buyer at the H. E. McCulloch Aberdeen-Angus dispersion sale in San Angelo, September 6. Mr. Kelly paid a total of \$24,335 for 38 head. He paid \$2,725 for the top herd bull, Prince 20th of Eassar. One hundred head sold at the sale for an average of \$513.60 a head.

Russell Hays, San Angelo, purchased about the middle of September around 6,000 Rambouillet mutton lambs from Alvin Neal and Joe Moulton of San Angelo for delivery around the first of October at Sonora. George Montgomery of Ozona sold Mr. Hays 2,000 Rambouillet muttons for October 1st delivery. The price was not disclosed.

Ed Mauldin, Columbia breeder of Eden recently sold 20 ewes and three stud rams to Rollie Reese of San Saba; 12 rams to B. B. Reese, also of San Saba; 12 rams to Willie Mason of Seven Hundred Springs Ranch; 25 ewes and 3 rams to T. A. Peterson of Vanderpool; and 7 ewes and 2 rams to Clyde Waters of Cooper.

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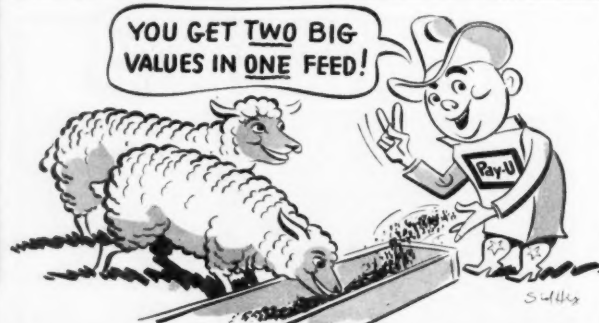


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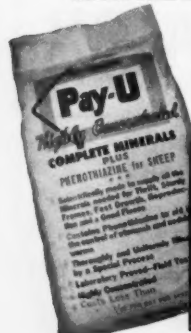
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Washington Parade

By Fred Bailey and Jay Richter

BEHIND THE scenes developments point up the implications of President Truman's statement that the nation faces a long period of belt-tightening in order to build up a big and costly military machine costing \$30 billion and more a year for several years.

The conflict with communism, whether or not in open war, is to take a huge amount of money and goods that otherwise would have gone into an improved standard of living. It will mean going without a lot of things we'd like.

Food, however, is not one of the things expected to be short. Farm production plans are being tailored to keep food supplies abundant, and to prevent any substantial increase in prices. That is Secretary Brannan's job.

Brannan has been told by top policy planners that his part in preventing inflation is a vital one. He has replied that farmers are prepared to meet all reasonable production demands without substantial increases in prices.

Planners are confident that inflation can be prevented if food supplies are ample and prices are held down. They are agreed that price control and rationing are not a reliable means of stopping inflation. That opinion is backed up by blackmarket experiences in World War II.

Farmers are to have considerably less net income to meet operating costs, purchase new machinery or homes, make repairs or pay debts, than they had in World War II. That is the opinion of top policy officials.

Agriculture Department officials hope to hold gross farm net income at not more than \$30 billion, providing operating costs can also be held at not much above current levels. Gross income this year is estimated at \$27.5 billion.

That allows for a slight increase in total production and some upward adjustment in prices received by farmers. Net income this year is estimated at \$13 billion. Planners think that \$15 billion should be about the top limit during the emergency.

The new economic control law would permit some increase in farm prices before ceilings could be proclaimed. Ceilings can't be fixed at below the May 24 - June 24 prices or parity, whichever is the higher. In World War II the minimum at which ceilings could be placed was 110 per cent of parity.

Brannan, however, is confident that ceilings will not be necessary, at least through 1951, if production can be kept at least as high as this year. Principal increases to be asked for in 1951 are livestock and cotton. An increased wheat acreage already has been requested.

Production goals probably will call for five million more hogs, three million more beef cattle, and six million more acres of cotton. Goals for feed

grains and oilseeds are not due to be greatly different from this year.

Farm production control powers are placed in Secretary Brannan's hands under allocation authority granted him in the civilian control law. He can "manage" farm production through his power to allocate production facilities, including fertilizer, machinery, gasoline and tires.

Department officials do not anticipate immediate use of any of those powers, but they admit that some shortage of tires and fertilizer is possible next year. Gasoline, too, could become short if the war spreads.

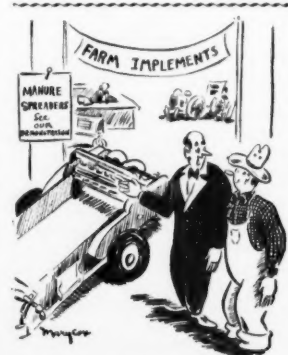
Preliminary discussions on allocations indicate official intention to try voluntary methods ahead of issuance of priorities and rationing at the farm level. Distributors may get allocations. They would be asked to see to it that distribution to farmers is fair.

Brannan also has authority to order allocations or set-asides of farm products, in order to apportion supplies equitably among the military, civilians and foreign buyers. That authority may be used this winter on some processed fruits and vegetables, and some time next year on meats.

Agriculture Department livestock officials now are predicting, privately, that hogs will sell for \$18 and choice beef cattle at \$25 to \$26 this fall. Only strong demand, they say, will keep prices from dropping more than that.

Fall marketings of hogs are expected to be up by about five per cent over last year. Beef cattle marketings are due to be only two or three per cent above last year, but heavier percentage will be the better grades of fed steers.

The usual increase in marketings of both hogs and cattle was delayed this year until early September, against usual start of heavier shipments in August. Cattle raisers, however, still are holding back breeding stocks. The cattle population on next Jan. 1 is expected to be about 83 million head.



an increase of three million over a year earlier.

The 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program will call for very little changes in farming practices. The main objective, according to PMA Administrator Ralph S. Trigg, will be to continue the stockpiling of fertilizer reserves.

The master list of approved practices sent recently to state PMA committees virtually is identical with that sent out last year. States may make some changes in their selection of practices, however.

Congress provided about the same amount of money for ACP payments in 1951 as for this year. No changes are expected in payment rates for various practices.

If you use the railroads, shop when you can. That is the advice of top USDA transportation officials who have received pessimistic reports from the Interstate Commerce Commission on the supply of freight cars.

Reports given the Department by ICC prompted Secretary Brannan to appeal to shippers of farm products to "load and unload box cars promptly and to fill them to maximum capacity."

The ICC told Brannan that a "critical shortage of freight cars faces the country." It estimated the shortage at a daily average of more than 20,000 cars. There now are some 45,000 fewer freight cars available than there were a year ago.

Charges by Sen. Bridges that the Farmers Union follows the communist party line, or that it is influenced by communists, are not taken seriously by Washington farm leaders who are familiar with Farmers Union activities.

It has been known for a long time that communists have tried to infiltrate into farm organizations, including the Farmers Union. They have, however, found the going very slow.

What the Farmers Union policy is in Washington all depends upon who is describing it. The policy has been, officially, on the "liberal" side, com-

pared with that of the Farm Bureau and Grange. Those who oppose that policy sometimes describe it as "radical" or "left-wing."

The Farmers Union has been the only major farm organization which has consistently backed the New Deal and Fair Deal farm programs. It backs the Brannan farm plan which is opposed by all other groups. It has worked more closely with organized labor than has other farm groups.

There has, however, been no discernible evidence that it followed the communist party line. There has been considerable evidence to the contrary.

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COLORADO RANCH SELLS

THE GLEN H. NELSON Ranch on Eagle River and west of Eagle, Colorado has been purchased by Hilliard Miller, president of Miller and Carrell Manufacturing Company, Denver. Miller also bought 1,000 acres adjoining the Nelson Ranch, which is a part of the Diamond J Ranch of the Wayne Jones Estates.

The Nelson sale, which involved over a quarter of a million dollars included 4,200 acres of deeded state lease, Taylor and forest permits; 1,000 purebred Suffolk ewes; 10 Suffolk rams and 500 head of commercial Herefords. The rams were bought by Nelson at the National Ram Sale in Salt Lake City and the ewes are from a band he had been developing. Miller plans to continue selling ram lambs for breeding and some ewe lambs.

The Diamond J range will be used for another 100 head of Herefords which Miller will purchase.

Miller received possession of the ranch August 15 and he and his wife moved to the ranch September 1st. Nelson, who is retiring from livestock interest will live either in Denver or Arizona.

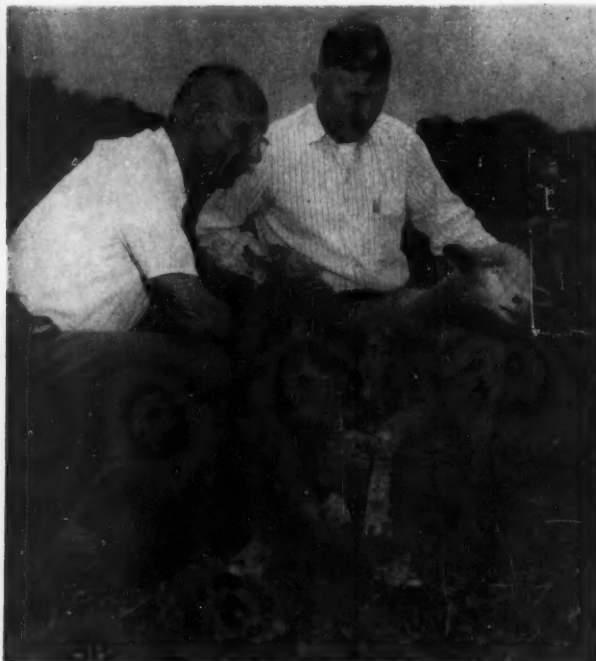


APRIL IN AUGUST

These lambs, shown with their mothers, were born after July 12 and the photograph was made about a month later. Normally, lambs this small would be seen only in the spring, the

lambing season. Each of the ewes shown had lamb in January and later was treated with hormones in Armour and Company experiment to determine whether it was commercially practical to produce two lamb "crops" yearly.

Sheep Breed Twice a Year In Armour Hormone Test



HORMONE INJECTION

Dr. Frank Gassner, left, of Colorado A. and M. College, Armour consultant in two-crop lamb project, shows how hormones are injected in ewe to bring about second breeding. Armour Herdsman Jack Dennis holds the ewe. This picture was taken strictly as a demonstration. Ewes were treated with hormones in January, not in summer.

A HORMONE research team sponsored by Armour and Company is doubling up on Nature to cause sheep to reproduce twice a year.

The Company announced recently that more than 100 hormone-treated ewes which produced lambs last winter had a second lamb in the summer. The test points toward the possibility of "fall lamb" becoming a regular factor in the market as well as the prized "spring lamb."

Since twin and triplet lambs are born frequently, a sheepman can usually count on 125 spring lambs from 100 ewes. Figures in the Armour test indicate that the 100 ewes can also be made to produce 65 to 85 fall lambs instead of remaining unproductive for half a year.

The study is the first of its kind to be made on a commercial scale. This year's preliminary experiments have supplied data for further research next year.

The test was carried out under an Armour grant by Dr. Frank X. Gassner, professor of endocrinology at the University of Colorado's A. and M. Experiment Station at Fort Collins, Colorado. The work was begun on range land near Hastings, Nebraska, and the sheep were moved to a large feed yard in West Chicago, Illinois.

The experiment was suggested by Garvey L. Haydon, head of the lamb division of Armour and Company, despite the gloomy attitudes of sheepmen and reports from Australia and New Zealand that similar experiments had failed there.

The essential phase of the test concerned three groups of ewes of vary-

ing ages, weights and breeds, well below the quality of the average flock, all of which had lambed since January. There were a total of 535 sheep treated with the hormone and 320 of them responded and were bred.

The first lot, given the hormone injection in the second week after lambing, produced 20 lambs.

The second lot, injected in the third week after lambing, produced 28 lambs.

The third lot was treated in the fourth week after lambing. It produced 51 lambs. There were 27 stillborn lambs. Counting stillborns, about 60 per cent of the best-producing group responded favorably. It is this group which is the basis for the estimate of a 65 to 85-lamb extra crop each fall, in view of the fact that twins or triplets are common.

Meanwhile 25 other ewes were run with the rams in the test groups, but were not given the hormone. Only one in this control group had a lamb, reflecting the known fact that a very small percentage of ewes show two natural reproductive cycles in a year.

The cow and the ewe are the only domestic animals which are not customarily bred immediately after giving birth. Race horses, for instance, can be bred again a week after foaling.

The hormone used is a gonadotrophin, which acts like pituitary hormones to stimulate the ovary to produce its estrogenic hormone, which in turn establishes the breeding period. In volume production, Dr. Gassner estimated that the cost per ewe would be between 20 and 25 cents. The injection is given subcutaneously in the woolfree fold between the foreleg and the body. Response to the injection appears in five to seven days.

Haydon explained the economic importance of the Armour feat.

"A farmer with 100 ewes may get



WE AND LAMBS

Typical range ewe at left is shown with her January lamb, center, and her little July lamb. Second lamb was born out of season as result of hormone treatment experiment directed by Garvey L. Haydon, right, the manager of Armour and Company's lamb department. Man on left is Herdsman Jack Dennis who had charge of more than three hundred ewes bred in the experiment. The ewe and her lambs show different breedings. Miscellaneous lots of sheep were used intentionally in first experiment. Tests of two lamb crop will be made on purebreds later.

125 lambs in his spring crop," he said. "Those lambs and the wool are normally all the income he gets from the flock which he must feed and care for all year.

"However, by using this hormone technique at the right time, he may get a fall crop of 65 to 85 extra lambs.

"If it costs \$4 extra to raise these lambs to 85 pounds and they sell for around \$22 each, there is an extra profit of \$18 per lamb or \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year for a flock of 100 ewes."

The economic importance of the Armour demonstration goes beyond the profit to the farmer, however. Because of the low price ceilings imposed during the war, and the generally unsatisfactory returns from the industry, the sheep population of the country has dropped from the peak

of 55,000,000 in 1942 to 31,000,000 now. Many farmers have dropped sheep-raising entirely and the United States produces only one-third of the wool it uses.

General adoption of the hormone technique would mean more lamb for food and more wool for textiles.

Haydon pointed out that the use of hormones will be most important initially to farmers who keep comparatively small flocks of 50 to 150 ewes. Use of the method in the far western range country would involve additional problems.

There are many questions still to be answered, now that the possibility of double breeding on a commercial scale has been established, Dr. Cassner said. One is whether the ewes which bore the extra lambs will manifest their normal breeding season this

fall, or whether they will require new stimulation with the hormone.

However, the results of the first large scale test have been so spectacular that Armour and Company is planning a much more elaborate series of experiments to determine the best timing, dosage, and hormone formulae.

A group of yearling ewes will be maintained on the double breeding cycle for a lifetime to see if the ewe's normal reproductive life of six to eight years is affected and how. Tests will also be run on various breeds of sheep, some of which have a natural tendency toward a double breeding cycle.

Some of the ewes in the test were given additional injections of a second hormone similar to the luteinizing

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Outdoor Notes

By Joe Austell Small

Thunderation

YOU SPORTSMEN who complain over being drenched by a sudden thunder storm, remember, it's necessary — the thunder storm, that is. At any given moment there are 1,800 thunder storms in progress around the earth. This number is necessary, says Dr. Robert E. Holzer, of the University of California, because they are part of a tremendous electrical system which he describes thusly:

The sun is a giant generator, thunder storms are the king-sized batteries, and the earth is a condenser.

The greatest number of thunder storms occur, Dr. Holzer says, when it is afternoon over such land areas as South America or Africa. The earth's electrical charge is at the maximum during this period.

Aw, Bull!

That's what Mr. Howard Beck, who lives near Lebanon, Missouri, said when his 11-year-old son James Robert told him that bullfrogs in their pond had eaten three six-day-old pet ducklings. The boy said he saw a frog eat the last one.

Thinking his son the victim of a hallucination, the farmer took his .22 caliber rifle and busted a big bullfrog near the spot his son pointed out as the scene of the crime. When he cut it open, he found the dead duckling was inside. The remains of another duckling was found in another frog which he killed later.

Biologists inform us that bullfrogs will eat anything they can swallow. Since their mouths are so wide, this takes in one dickens of a lot of territory!

Lead Poisoning

We are watching with great interest the experiments of a major ammunition manufacturer in their attempt to find a shot pellet which will prevent lead poisoning in ducks. This is caused by wildfowl picking up pellets from the bottoms of shot-over marshes and lakes and is a great killer of ducks annually.

Research has proven that wild ducks do not die directly from lead poisoning thus taken, but from the action set up by feeding upon corn and wheat after they have taken lead pellets into their gizzards. Scientists of the ammunition company are trying to find an alloy which will disintegrate in the gizzard of a duck or dissolve in water.

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eign section devoted to the world's finest guns, a revised and enlarged parts section covering all domestic and many foreign guns and pistols, an enlarged reloading section, the largest variety of air and gas pistols and air rifles, a large book section, and a line of the finest fishing tackle. Let me stop for breath! To continue:

It has sections devoted to ammunition, ballistics, camping equipment, hand tools, police equipment, power tools, riding equipment, targets, gun sights, rifle scopes and mounts, outdoor clothing, traps and just dad-gum nigh anything you'll need for the outdoors. In all there are over 9,000 illustrations and 20,000 items in the book. By golly, no wonder it has grown to be known as the standard guide for the finest in hunting and sports equipment for sportsmen all over the world!

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Aquatic Quail

Whoever saw a quail swim? It's so unusual as to be a believe-it-or-not, brother. But farmer R. H. Pulliam witnessed the rare sight when his dog accidentally flushed a brood of young quail near where the farmer was mowing hay.

In what was probably their first prolonged flight, the young bobwhites arched toward a pond which bordered the field. Either through exhaustion or confusion, they all plunked into the five foot stretch of water that lay between their landing point and a growth of cattails.

Pulliam jumped off his tractor and ran to the rescue. However, he watched, completely amazed, as the young birds, floating on the water with out-thrust wings, began paddling to the bank. All clambered out of their surprise bath except one tiny ball of feathers which Pulliam boosted ashore. "Luckiest little devils I ever saw!" the farmer said.



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HORMONE TEST

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hormone from the pituitary gland which stimulates production of a second female ovarian hormone which, in turn, helps establish the fertilized ovum in the uterus. This was done after breeding had occurred. It must be determined whether this is really necessary.

The rams used in the experiment—in the usual proportion of one to 35 ewes—were treated with testosterone, a male sex hormone. Dr. Gassner, however, does not think this is needed.

The timing of the injection is of prime importance, in Dr. Gassner's opinion, and must be carefully worked out. He pointed out that, estrus, or heat, is the result of the activity of the estrogenic hormone from the ovary. When the ewe is pregnant, the corpus luteum hormone, also from the ovary, becomes dominant and suppresses the estrogen. After the lamb is born, estrogen re-asserts itself, often to the point of causing what is known

as "lamb heat" soon afterward. At the same time the young cells with which the body is repairing the uterus closely resemble those found in normal heat.

"We take advantage of this period of estrogen rebound to supply a little extra stimulation and produce a full-scale estrus," Dr. Gassner said. "Both the ovarian hormones are stimulated by pituitary hormones and the material we have been using, which apparently is chemically distinct from the pituitary hormones, produces the same effect."

"The timing of the injection must therefore be exactly right. If it is too early, it will dry up the milk with which the ewe is nourishing its spring lamb. If too late, it is useless."

"Dosage, too, must be exact. It is our belief that previous attempts to cause an additional breeding period failed because the dosage was wrong."

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settle down to figuring out the details."

Most lambs are born in the period from January to April after a gestation period of 145 days or so. They reach the ideal market weight of about 85 pounds in four to five months.

A second crop of lambs, born in September, would fit well into the sheepman's schedule. They would graze on late pasture, then be fed through the winter when the grower has sufficient supplies of feed from the fall harvests.

At some seasons of the year under the present system, most lambs available have grown much heavier than up to 120 pounds and yield 10-pound the best market weight. They weigh legs instead of the 6-pound roast the average family prefers. Heavy lamb cuts usually must be sold at a relatively low price and the producer consequently gets less per pound for them.

Ray Bain of Corpus Christi is reported to have purchased from John Gray and B. F. Braunan of Gainesville 922 acres of improved ranch land near Evant, Texas.



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SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION ANNOUNCES AWARDS

LICESTOCK awards offered by the 1951 Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth are \$96,058, the largest in the 55 year's history of the Southwest's oldest and greatest stock show.

This is almost \$10,000 more than the premiums offered by the 1950 exposition.

Awards for sheep and goats total \$4,245.

Dates of the show are Jan. 26 through Feb. 4, with a colorful Western parade through the business district on the opening day afternoon and then the first rodeo and horse show performance that night in the magnificent Will Rogers Memorial

Coliseum, with afternoon and night performances each day thereafter.

A substantial part of the increase in premiums is represented by the \$6,000 offered in the carload and pen division of bulls. This division last year was highly successful both from the standpoint of the number and quality of animals displayed and in the purchase by commercial livestock raisers desiring herd sires.

In fact so successful was the bull division that construction now in progress will increase the space by approximately 100 per cent. Shorthorns are being added for 1951. Last year the carload and pen division was confined to Hereford (including Polled) and Aberdeen-Angus.

Earnest Berry of San Angelo, who recently bought a stock ranch near Fort Stockton, purchased some livestock from Jacobs Livestock Co., San Angelo. He bought 53 head of Rambouillet yearling rams at \$40 each, three saddle horses at \$100 a head and 435 young mutton goats out of hair at \$8 per head to go on the new ranch.

Walter Brooks of Mertzon sold 287 head of 6-year-old ewes to Roscoe Graham of San Angelo at \$18 a head.

BUYERS CONTRACT HALF CALIFORNIA 1951 CLIP

CALIFORNIA WOOL buyers are contracting that state's 1951 wool clip with the same frenzied activity shown by Texas buyers. They represent Eastern mills that fear the launching of a government wool stockpile.

Contracting in the Sacramento Valley started at 70 cents for fine medium wools and advanced to 80, 82 and finally 85 cents per pound. In the Valley spot wool sold up to 55.5 cents, lambs wool 65.5 cents, and 8-months contracted up to 75.5 cents per pound.

Along the north coast of Sonoma and Mendocino counties 90 cents a pound was being paid to some growers by the Fred Whitaker Company of Philadelphia.

Top price thus far for California wool is \$1 per pound in the grease for the Al Spencer Romeldale clip at Winters. Shrink was estimated at 41 per cent.

Prices in the San Joaquin Valley generally have been between 70 and 80 cents.

At Bakersfield several thousand fleeces sold at 64.5 cents and 62.5 cents per pound. Bakersfield wool usually shrinks 60 to 65 per cent.

Chet Wing, secretary of the California Wool Growers Association, estimated that 40 to 50 per cent of the estimated 1951 California clip was under contract. The state's estimated tonnage for 1951 is 13,500,000 pounds.

COMMITTEE CANCELS STATE FAIR BOOTH

THE COMMITTEE of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association appointed to plan the Sheep and Goat Raiser booth at the State Fair of Texas has decided to cancel all plans for a booth for 1950.

It was the unanimous decision of the committee which met in Dallas September 25-26 with Ray Wilson, agricultural manager of the Fair and with the men employed to do the background work on the booth.

Due to the shortage of time and the scarcity of material a mutual agreement was reached by the entire group to postpone the booth for this year.

A Dallas firm had bid on the booth construction but the Association will be cleared of any cost since the group has decided not to have a booth.

Wool growers will not be left out of the State Fair however. A display of wool and mohair will be in the Agricultural Building in the Horn of Plenty. Ray Wilson is responsible for its display.

Committee members included Savers Farmer, chairman; Mrs. J. W. Vance, J. B. McCord, Steve Stumberg, J. T. Davis, Clayton Puckett, and S. W. Dismukes.

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CHARLES E. FISHER has been appointed superintendent of the Spur experiment station, an office left vacant by the death of Ray E. Dickson.

Fisher is recognized as one of the outstanding specialists in the Southwest on mesquite and other eradication. His appointment was made public by R. D. Lewis, director of the system.

Fisher joined the Spur station staff in July, 1936. He has spent several years of intensive experimentation with various chemicals and methods of eradication through use of hormone-type chemicals, primarily 2,4, 5-T. He officially took over the Spur station, September 1.

George Swanson, representing Philip Rock of Drumheller, Alberta, Canada, came down September 25 with 90 registered Suffolk sheep for West Texas. Johnny Bryan of Fort Stockton bought 9 ewes and a ram, and Horace Edwards of Wall took two ewe lambs and a ram lamb. The rest, which were rams, are in the Fields and Johnson Barns in San Angelo.

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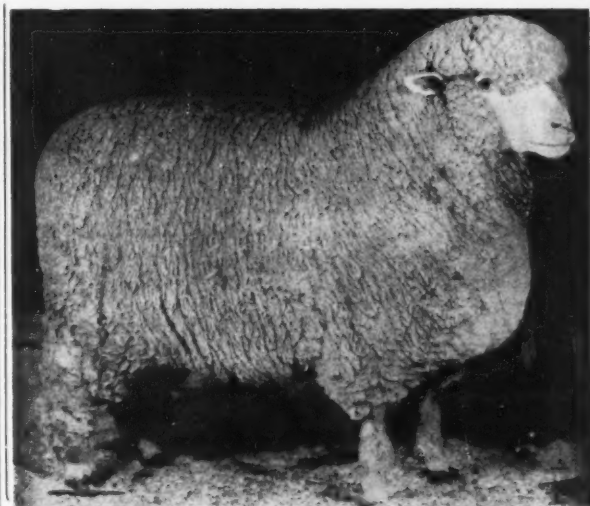
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SUFFOLK RAM TOPS THE COLORADO RAM SALE

TOM L. PATRICK of Ilderton, Ontario, Canada, consigned the Suffolk yearling stud which topped the Colorado Ram sale September 6 at Denver, Colorado. H. E. Miller, Eagle, Colorado paid \$465 for the animal. Mr. Patrick also consigned the top selling pen of Suffolks. Joe Brace, Center, Colorado paid \$135 a head for this pen-of-five. Mr. Patrick also sold a pen-of-five at \$102.50 to C. R. Sanderson & Sons, Monte Vista, Colorado.

Wm. Jackson of LaJara, Colorado paid \$125 each for a pen-of-five Suffolks consigned by Angel Caras & Sons. The Caras firm sold a two-year-old stud for \$390 to Howard N. Jolly, Sidney, Ohio. Harold Wardell, Rangely, Colorado paid \$102.50 a head for a pen-of-five Caras range rams.

W. Frank McGee paid \$225 for a Columbia yearling stud consigned by the Y U Ranch, Walden, Colorado.

Tom Heeney and Earl Smith of Kremmling consigned the top selling Hampshire stud which was purchased by Howard Dorg, Kremmling for \$180. R. F. Veo of Cimarron, Colorado paid \$155 for a Ward Smith yearling Hampshire stud from Ft. Collins. Robert Macy, Center, received \$125 each for studs sold to Blaine Dryden, Craig and Frank Buzzalt, Ft. Collins.

Angelo Rapasard, Rifle, paid top of \$80 for pen-of-five Ward Smith Hampshire rams. \$150 was paid by

Paul Heeney for pen-of-three Hampshires.

Angus McIntosh, Las Animas paid \$160 for a Rambouillet stud consigned by Pfister & Sons, Node, Wyoming.

Joseph V. Pfister of Node received \$102.50 from V. P. Hillman, Grover, for a pen-of-five range Rambouillet-Columbia rams.

Art and Jerry King of Cheyenne, Wyoming sold a Corriedale range ram to C. R. Sanderson for \$100. A pen-of-five range rams sold to Earle Hyde, Ault, for \$90 each. Ernest and Donald Ramstetter of Golden, Colorado sold a pen-of-five Corriedales to John C. Mitchell, Leadville, at \$55.

Three pens of Hampshire-Suffolk rams, two consigned by G. N. Nelson, Eagle, and one by Edward A. Veo, Jr., Cimarron, Colorado, sold for \$70 per head.

GILLETT LAMBS DELIVERED

MRS. M. E. GILLETT of Marfa, Texas has shipped 2447 of her lambs. Of these, 1249 from her Barrel Springs Ranch, averaged 90 pounds and went to Armour and Company. The remaining 1198, from her Chilicote Ranch, averaged 88 pounds. Armour and Company took the fat end, 810, which averaged 92 pounds. The sale was handled through Ray Willoughby of San Angelo.



CHAMPION SUFFOLK EWE

G. C. Norman is shown holding the champion Suffolk ram of the August Gillespie County fair, one of the largest and probably the oldest county fair in this country. The Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch, Ft. Stockton, operated by Johnny Bryan, also had the champion Suffolk ewe.

DR. HILTON BRIGGS NAMED DEAN AT WYOMING UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY of Wyoming college of agriculture will again be headed by one of the most outstanding livestock men in the country, Pres. G. D. Humphrey declared recently in announcing the appointment of Dr. Hilton M. Briggs as dean of the college and director of its experiment station.

Dean J. A. Hill, who retired as dean July 1, after nearly 30 years as head of the college, was voted "outstanding livestock man of the year" last fall.

Dr. Briggs, who was scheduled to take over his duties shortly after September 1, has been associate dean of agriculture at Oklahoma A. and M. and associate director of the college experiment station.

The 37-year-old dean is a member of the committee on sheep nutrition for the National Research Council, secretary of the American Society of Animal Production, as well as serving as an officer for many other nationally important livestock organizations.

He holds a B.S. degree "with highest distinction" from Iowa State, an M.S. from North Dakota Agricultural College and a Ph.D. from Cornell.

He received a latter degree in 1938.

Reared on a general livestock farm in southeastern Iowa, he was active in 4-H work and won one of the first national \$300 scholarships given by Thomas E. Wilson for achievements with livestock projects.

During his college years he was a member of the college meats judging team, placing third at American Royal and International in 1932, and as a member of the college livestock judging team, he placed second at International in 1933.

His teaching career began in 1934 at North Dakota Agricultural College while working for his master's degree, and he also taught at Cornell University while working on his doctorate.

He joined the staff of Oklahoma A. and M. College in 1936 and until his appointment to associate dean of agriculture and associate director of the Oklahoma experiment station last year, his duties were divided between teaching, research with cattle and sheep, directing graduate students and supervising the college sheep flock.

PEMBROOK SUFFOLKS ARE SOLD

THE SUFFOLK sheep industry in the United States was fortunate indeed when Ralph Pembroke, of Big Lake, Texas established his flock back in the early 1940s.

On a foundation of excellent American and Western Canadian bred ewes, Pembroke selected for use the \$1000 stud Celtic 5V bred by John C. Buckley of Canada. In the fall of 1946, he went to England and at the dispersal of the world famous Keeble flock, selected five daughters and four grand-daughters of Stetchworth Earl III, the Brantham Hall top stud. A total of more than 20 top quality imported English ewes were selected along with suitable studs. Included were Brantham Perfection, bred by John R. Keeble, and Pratis 190, bred by William Rintoul of Fife, Scotland.

Stetchworth Earl III was the sire of the winners of the Venning and Cippeswyk Plate in 1945 and 1946.

After several years of intense breeding and careful selection, new blood was injected into the flock with the purchase of the \$1600 Imported stud Benacre Warrior, bred by Sir Robert Gooch.

With other business interests pressing, Ralph Pembroke decided to sell

the bulk of his breeding flock, and in early September, E. B. Thompson, nationally famous Columbia sheep breeder of Milan, Mo., purchased all the breeding ewes, stud rams, and yearling ewes, 402 head in all from Pembroke.

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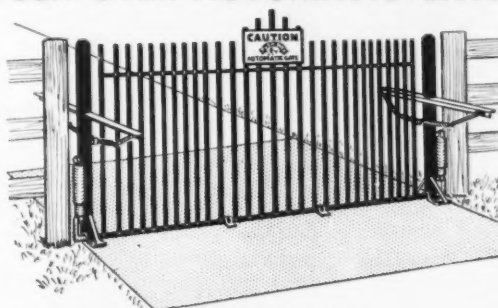
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"Queen of the Woolies" Contest Adds Two New Divisions

THE SEWING contest for members of the National Wool Growers Auxiliary is "Queen of the Woolies" by name and is designed to stimulate interest in the "Make It Yourself With Wool" home sewing contest for girls from 14 to 22 years of age.

The contest is open to any member of the Auxiliary and this year an accessory division and a family division have been added. The Auxiliary member may have a male member of her family or a friend to model some men's garments that she has made herself . . . with 100% wool of course. This addition to the contest ties in with the men's merchandizing program which is being carried on at the present time by the Wool Bureau, Inc.

This year's winner will be chosen at the National Wool Growers Convention which will be held in Casper, Wyoming, beginning December 5, 1950. The winner will be crowned with a crown made of wool top and trimmed in jewels; designed especial-

ly for this contest by the millinery department of Daniels & Fisher Stores, Denver, and used in the crowning at the National Convention held in Denver last December.

Following are contest rules for this year as presented by Mrs. Mike Hayes of Denver, Colorado, 1950 Queen of the Woolies, and chairman of the 1951 contest.

Rules for "Queen of the Woolies" contest, Casper, Wyoming, December 1950:

This year the Queen of the Woolies contest is adding two divisions to their contest to afford an opportunity for more members to enter in the grand parade, at which time some talented member will be crowned queen for 1951. There will be prizes given in each division, and we hope that equally twice as many members as last year will enter the contest.

This contest is designed for the members of the National Wool Growers Auxiliary each year, to inspire

young women in home sewing and to encourage the school girls and young homemakers to enter their "MAKE IT YOURSELF WITH WOOL" contest which the Auxiliary sponsors jointly with the Wool Bureau, Inc., N.Y.C.

GARMENT DIVISION

1. Entries limited to members of the Auxiliary.
2. Garments to be made of 100% wool materials.
3. Covers any garments — formal, housecoat, informal dresses, suits or coats.
4. Garment to be made by member, and modeled at the National Convention, Casper, Wyo.
5. Workmanship to count only in case of tie.

ACCESSORY DIVISION

1. Rules same as above, and to include all accessories: millinery, pocket books, gloves, etc.

FAMILY DIVISION

1. Rules same as above, EXCEPT that male member (or friend) of family must escort the Auxiliary member during the modeling of her garment and wear any chosen garment or accessory made by the Auxiliary member, such as lounging robes, sport shirts, smoking jackets, etc.

Prizes will be given in each division which will be announced later. Queen of the Woolies for 1951 will be chosen by the board of judges who will be announced at a later date. This year's winner, will be next year's chairman of the contest.



CHRIS

The sparkplug for the recent meeting of the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was none other than Mrs. John Will Vance of the Golden Hoof Farm. Here she is happily greeting some visiting ranch friends to the Friday night welcoming party which she, Mr. Vance and other Colemanites gave at the Vance ranch. Cooling showers fell just before the gathering and the event was declared to be one of the most enjoyable in the history of the Association directors' meetings.



THESE LADIES WERE A BIG HELP

That the regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was an enormous success is due to a great extent to the good ladies of Coleman County who pitched in to handle many of the arrangements. Mrs. Theo Griffis, left, was in charge of the dance arrangements; Mrs. Henry Newman, center, who is vice-president of the Women's Auxiliary, was co-chairman of the entertainment committee, and Mrs. Harold Stovall was in charge of the decorations which were so unusual that they drew the attention of all who attended the noonday luncheon and the evening dance. Others on the dance committee included Mrs. J. B. McCord, Mrs. W. T. Stewardson, Mrs. Geo. Beck and Mrs. Nathan Cliett. Naming all the ladies who helped make the event a grand success both for the women and men in attendance would be a hard task. The Coleman business folk as well as the ranch people all pitched in and showed a hospitality that will be remembered for a long time by the visitors.

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SINCE PROPER preparation for a good painting job takes some time, but to get job done right, now is the time to start making plans for painting this fall. September and October are the best months for painting because the weather is too hot during the summer and too cold or rainy later on during November and December.

Prepare the surface to be painted before applying the new coats. Remove all the loose old paint and make sure that the surface is dry. Even the best paint will fail if it is applied immediately after a shower.

The paint job is no better than the paint applied. Too much oil causes paint to dry slowly and become dirty and faded, while too little oil causes it to wear off rapidly. Cracking is

the result of temperature changes on hard, quick-drying paints. Wrinkles show up because of improper brushing of heavy oily mixtures. Chalking is usually caused by using too much

thinner or by skimping on the number of coats applied.

The manufacturer's label should be checked in order to make sure of getting the kind of paint desired. Local weather conditions play an important part in the selection of paint. In warm, humid climates, the harder types of paint containing greater amounts of zinc oxide usually stand up better than soft paints. Some ready-mixed paints contain ingredients which retard the growth of mildew.

Although hand-brushing usually gives a higher coverage of surface per

gallon of paint, this is usually more than offset by labor saved by using a good paint sprayer.

Although painting a house or barn makes it look nicer, the real reason for painting is to protect the building. Now is the time to prepare for painting farm buildings which have not been painted during the last four or five years.

Three important points to remember about painting are: pick mild, dry days to do the painting, buy the paint by the label on the can, and do a good job of applying the coats.



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Carmen, who with her mother operates a small stock farm near Roosevelt, Texas, sometimes has quite a task taking care of sheep, cattle and other livestock. Nevertheless the ranch is being operated profitably and Carmen is quite happy with her work although letting the water tank run dry and having to haul water can be aggravating.

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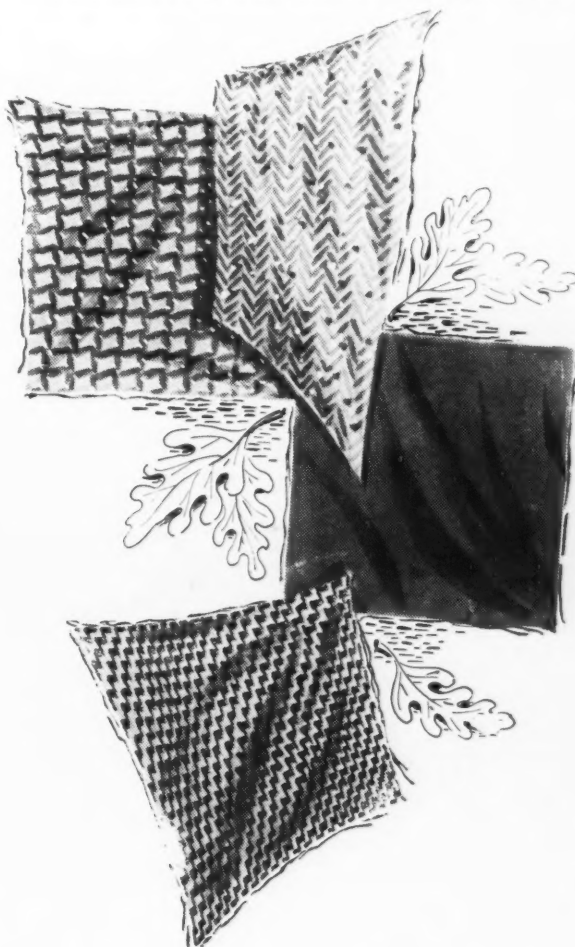


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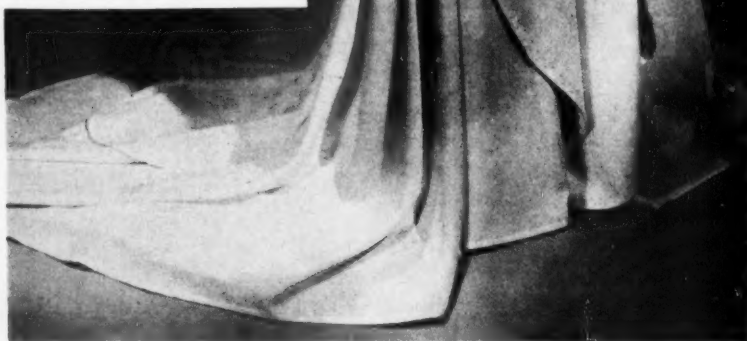
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Skillful Beauty Queen Models Wool Wedding Dress

Lenore Hoffman, Wyoming's beautiful 20-year-old delegate to the "Miss America" contest in Atlantic City, N. J., arrived home after receiving almost as many accolades on her white wool wedding dress as she did on her own fair looks. Svelte and brunette, "Miss Wyoming" made a stunning picture indeed when she appeared before the Atlantic City judges in her wool wedding dress and tiara which she herself designed and made. Modeled by the Western Beauty Queen as a part of her Home Sewing Talent Exhibit during contest, the bridal ensemble was made from nearly 11 yards of Botany's shell white Baronette crepe of 100 per cent virgin wool. The fabric was a gift from the Wyoming Wool Growers Association and the creation which Miss Hoffman made from it was one of the most distinctive costumes seen in the Atlantic City Show. It was photographed repeatedly by the Eastern Press and was televised in detail immediately after the contest when Miss Hoffman appeared as guest of the day on a television program in New York City where she discussed fashion creating with wool fabric.

Trimmed with 750 seed pearls and 35 handmade buttons of corded wool, the wedding dress has pointed cuffs, mandarin collar, and a double overdrape on the skirt from which falls a train almost four feet in length. The mandarin collar is trimmed with 150 seed pearls and the handmade braided wool tiara is edged with 80 tiny pearls. Wyoming's loveliest young fashion creator, who has been sewing since she was 10 years old, designed and made her ensemble in less than three weeks. In the 1948 National "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest, she was first prize winner for the best wool suit shown in the Senior Division.

Miss Hoffman is a Junior at the University of Wyoming where she is majoring in Clothing Textiles, and is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Verne J. Hoffman, 2517 Evans Avenue, Cheyenne, Wyoming.



MRS. C. L. HANCOCK APPOINTS KEY WOMEN FOR MARFA AREA

DEADLINE FOR entries in the "Make It Yourself With Wool and Mohair" Contest is October 15.

In the Marfa-El Paso area, Mrs. C. L. Hancock, area-chairman, has appointed the following key women to work with her: Mrs. Press Nichols of Alpine, Brewster County; Mrs. Robert Everett, Valentine, Jeff Davis County; Mrs. Effie Odum, El Paso, El Paso County; Miss Margaret Lattimore, home demonstration agent,

Sierra Blanca, Hudspeth County; Mrs. A. L. Baugh, Marfa, Presidio County, and Mrs. Frank Jones, Mrs. Dick Lawhon, Mrs. William Allison, Mrs. Gay Howard of Marfa and Mrs. Worth Evans of Fort Davis, assisting in getting prizes and putting on the styles show for the area.

The Marfa style show date is November 4.

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TWO CUPS diced cooked lamb, ½ cup canned mushrooms, 2 tablespoons chopped pimento, 1 well-beaten egg

yolk, 3 tablespoons flour, 1 green pepper (chopped), 3 tablespoons melted butter, 1½ cups scalded milk, salt and pepper.

Brown the mushrooms in one tablespoon melted butter. Combine butter, flour, and milk. Cook over hot water until smooth and thick. Season to taste. Add lamb, mushrooms, pimento, and green peppers. Heat to boiling. Add egg yolk. Heat to boiling. Serve hot over patty shells. This serves 6.

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WOOL GROWERS HAVE CAUSE TO FEAR SYNTHETICS

WITH THE sheep population of the nation the lowest in nearly a century and demand for apparel wools at a record peace time high, a serious shortage of the most important

raw material for clothing fabrics is imminent.

Professor E. C. Voorhies, agricultural economist of the University of California College of Agriculture, explained that situation to members of the Central California Wool Growers Association at their annual meeting recently at Stockton.

With a shortage condition there is always a danger of more and better substitutes appearing on the market.

Now, with wool production low and demand for wool high, the pressure by industry upon its research staffs for a good substitute is great.

Using the disastrous effects of rayon and nylon on the silk industry as examples, Voorhies says wool growers may have something to worry about in the future.

Since the war, the world has used more apparel wool than sheep have produced. Fortunately for the textile industry there was a temporary source for the extra load in reserve stock piles.

But fabric producers can no longer count on reserves.

In the United States, the situation is particularly serious. Domestic wool growers produce less than 40 per cent of the wool used annually by the nation's textile mills.

The remaining 60 per cent is imported from Australia, New Zealand, Argentina and Uruguay. On the for-

eign market the U. S. mills must bid against all other mills of the world.

A world-wide shortage naturally has driven the price spiralling upward. In August, 1950, domestic wool brought the highest price to producers since April, 1918. But this rise is minor compared to what has happened abroad.

For example, in the Australian wool auctions one grade of apparel wool jumped about 250 per cent in less than a year — from \$1.08 per clean pound in December, 1949, to \$2.65 in August, 1950.

What are the reasons for the annually high demand and corresponding high prices for wool? Voorhies lists the following:

1. The increasing population of the world.

2. Military needs. Rearmament, prompted by the world situation in general and the Korean war in particular, has taxed the wool industry considerably. Uniforms, blankets and other woolen supplies required to outfit soldiers have accounted for a big part of the load.

3. Style changes. There are three times more women's suits sold by the U. S. clothing industry now than before the last war, and five times more men's sports coats.

4. Soviet Russia, who prior to last year did not buy wool on the Australian wool auctions, bought 33 million pounds in 1949, putting an extra burden on the world market.

5. Since the last war living standards have been raised in many nations and the demand for fine wools has correspondingly increased.



VINA MAY ADAMS

Vina May Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Adams, Marathon, spends her time at the ranch 75 miles south of Marathon and finds that there are few dull moments. "The ranch is bordered by the Game Preserve and the Rio Grande, across from which is Old Mexico. Our house is only a few yards from the Rio Grande." She says she spends her time watching after Fay Loray, a younger sister, riding, hunting and watching the candelilla wax works. In the winter months she attends school at Marathon.

Vina says that her father has a difficult task trying to keep the panthers away from the goats. Recently, she says, one of the Mexicans had to fight off a panther with a stick. It killed seven head of goats before it could be scared away with a torch. "The Mexican was plenty brave," declared Vina.

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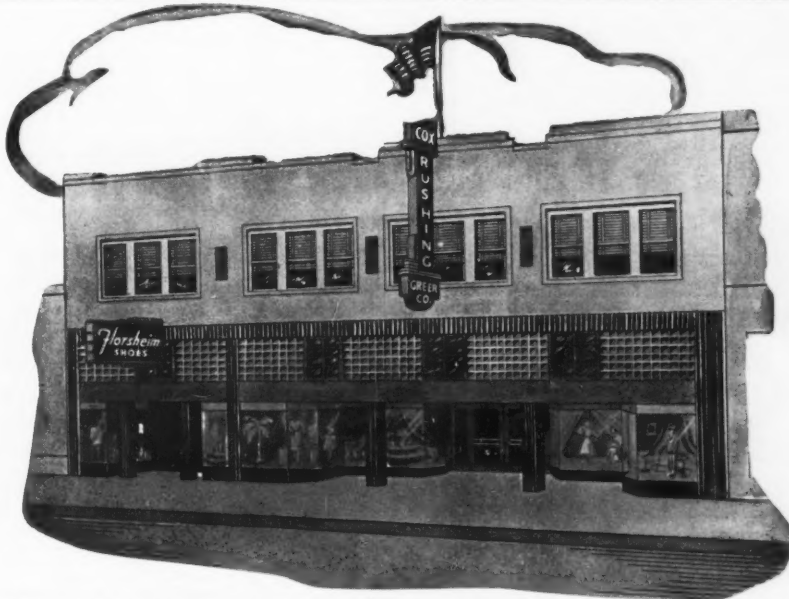
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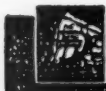
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Boy: "Dad, do you realize that in some parts of India a man doesn't know his wife until he marries her?"
Dad: "Why single out India?"

There's nothing strange in the fact that the modern girl is a live wire. She carries practically no insulation.

A dog with poor teeth should use judgment in growling.

If you're average, that means you are as close to the bottom as you are to the top.

"Haven't I seen your face somewhere else?"

"I don't think so," she said. "It always stays here, right between my ears."

Imagination is what sits up with a wife who sits up waiting for her husband.

And then there was the butcher that backed into the slicing machine and got a little behind in his work.

Man at phone: "Hello! Reserve me a box for four."

Voice Back: "Very sorry, sir, but we've got no boxes for four."

Man at Phone: "Say isn't this the Theatre?"

Voice Back: "No, this is the Funeral Parlors."

"At last," groaned the elderly diner, "total paralysis of the left leg! I've feared it for years."

"If it will relieve your mind any," whispered the sweet and more or less demure young thing on his left, "it's my leg you've been feeling."

Boss: "Why are you going to quit, Bill? Are your wages too low?"

Bill: "The wages are O. K., but I'm keeping a horse out of a job."

Back in '19, a couple of cowmen were discussing their plight. "Just how bad are things with you?" asked one.

"Pretty tough," the other cowman replied. "My cattle are so thin that by using carbon paper I can brand two at a time."

The gal who lets her I. Q. show Takes the twang out of Cupid's bow.

A great deal more engrossing than counting sheep at night is counting calves during the day.

First Bride: "Yes, sir, I've got my husband where he eats out of my hand."

Second Bride: "Saves a lot of dishwashing, doesn't it?"

Said the little doughnut to the big layer cake:

"If I had your dough, I wouldn't be hanging around this hole."

"Rastus, what made dat bump on yo head?"

"Ah tells you, Liza, Ah's got dan-

druff and dey tol me to put toilet water on mah head and de furst thing an knowed dat ole seat done flopped down on me."

Awkward age: When you're too old to take it and too young to retire.

The little girl was showing her playmate her new home. "This is my daddy's den. Does your daddy have a den?"

Neighbor girl: "No, he just growls all over the house."

If you would sit

By the side of the road,

And be a friend to man,

Have some gauze and splints,
some iodine.

And a well filled ether can.

A cowpuncher attending church said to the minister on the way out, "That was a damned good sermon." The minister objected "You shouldn't use that kind of a word," he said.

"Well, it was good anyway," the cowpuncher replied. "It was so good I put \$500.00 in the collection plate."

"The hell you did," exclaimed the preacher.

Caught by surprise

Was Roger Ryfe;

His steno found him

Kissing his wife.

"I wish you wouldn't call me 'Big Bill'."

"Why not?"

"Those college names stick—and I am going to be a doctor."

A young woman took a job as a governess, then suddenly left it. Asked why she resigned, she said, "Had to. Backward child, forward father."

Kindhearted old lady: "Poor man, and are you married?"

Beggar: "Bless my heart, lady, do you think I'd be relying on total strangers for support if I had a wife?"

Pretty nurse: "Every time I take the patient's pulse it gets faster. What shall I do?"

Doctor: "Blindfold him."



"We love your new house, Grace!"

AIRCRAFT AFFORDS A NEW WRINKLE IN SOIL CONSERVATION STUDY

SEVERAL hundred Caldwell County Farmers, County and State Soil Conservationists and prominent state and national figures will gather November 1 at Lockhart Airport to witness the demonstration of a new wrinkle in soil conservation. The demonstration will involve the use of aircraft to observe the surrounding examples of erosion and control measures from the air.

Several weeks of planning by the Texas Aeronautics Commission, sponsoring agency, and representatives of State and Federal Soil Agencies and Texas aviation organizations developed as a result of an experimental aerial demonstration held at Lockhart in August paved the way for the November meeting.

Louis Bromfield, nationally known author and soil conservation expert, will be one of the principal speakers at an afternoon meeting during the full day devoted to the conservation study. The morning will be devoted to airplane rides for farmers selected to represent their various communi-

ties. These farmers will be taken for a bird's eye view of the surrounding area so they may compare from the air the different control measures. During the August demonstration these farmers were shown how superior an aerial view is over ground observation in detecting the imminence of wash and planning contour plowing for protection of top soil.

Aircraft will be furnished by the Texas Flying Farmers, Texas Private Flyers, The Texas State Aviation Association, Texas Ninety-Nines and the Aeronautics Commission. Organizations aiding in the program will be the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Production Marketing Administration, County Agents and Luling Foundation Farm.

Details worked out at this demonstration will be used in setting up others over the State, according to A. W. Meadows, Director of the Aeronautics Commission. Others interested in a similar program may contact him in care of the Commission in Austin.

Fall shearing prices have been ranging from 21 cents to 24 cents with rams doubled. Shearing has progressed rapidly with only a few ranches being held up by late September rains.

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S. W. Dismukes of Rocksprings was reported about the middle of September to have been completely sold out of Angora bucks for the season. Some of his sales included ten to Pat Rogers of Harper, nine to Fletcher Cardner of Rocksprings, five to Stafford Smith, San Antonio, four to G. A. Morris, Rocksprings, two to Jim and Raleigh Peril of Harper and several to Fields and Son of Cleo.

Mr. Dismukes also sold around 170 Angora does, for which he is said to have taken no payment, with the understanding that the purchaser would return the does' first buck kid to him. Some of his does went to the following breeders: sixty-three to J. H. Chaney, Utopia; fifty to O. L. Davis, Lometa; fifty to H. Ochler, Harper and four to a Mr. Schmidt of Doss.

He says he is going to make the major shows, Dallas, October, and Fort Worth and Houston early next year. One of the most consistent of winners, he gets a big kick in showing his fine Angoras.

Chas. Schreiner, III, Kerrville has purchased from Adolf Stieler and son, Gene, of Comfort, around 4,000 Angora goats out of the shearing pens on the old Liveoak Ranch in Kerr County, which Mrs. Schreiner will operate. The Angoras sold from \$8 to \$8.50. There were 1,200 muttons and 2,800 does and kids. He declares he has had a good season with his Brahma cattle.

Part of the Suggs estate in Irion County, consisting of Sections 39, 41 and 59, Block 1, H.&T.C. Survey, in Irion County was sold recently by Mrs. Sammie June Farmer to Henry Lindley. The land is west of Mertzon and sold for a reported price of \$67,200, including one-half of the mineral rights.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Campbell were reported early in September to have sold sections 17 and 18 in Block 6, H.&T.C., to O. C. Schlinke and wife for around \$60,500.

Jack Canning, Eden, took delivery the latter part of September on 300 Rambouillet yearling muttons from R. L. and Morris Stansberry of San Angelo at 20 cents. The estimated average weight was around 85 pounds out of the wool.

Kelly Owens of San Saba is reported to have shipped to a Kansas buyer 1,629 Suffolk-Rambouillet and Corriedale - Rambouillet cross - bred lambs averaging 82 pounds at \$29 cwt. The deal was made by O. K. Harkey, commission man of San Angelo.

Mr. Harkey also sold 20 yearling Suffolk rams at \$45 a head and 40 Suffolk ram lambs at \$40 a head from the Whitfield ranch near Christoval.

The Smith & Sons ranch of 65,000 acres deed land and 35,000 acres state lease, has been purchased by the Hartsel Ranch, Hartsel, Colorado. Included in the Smith ranch which joins the Hartsel operations are 1,500 acres irrigated meadow and a forest permit of 4,500 ewes.

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In Memoriam

J. E. COWDEN

J. E. (GENE) COWDEN, 53, Kerrville ranchman, died at his home August 12 on his 53rd birthday. A member of a pioneer ranching family well-known throughout Texas. Mr. Cowden was a director of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. He was born in Midland and moved to the Hill Country 25 years ago. Kerrville has been his home for the past 14 years.

His five brothers and five sons are in the ranching business.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Lorene Cowden; five sons, J. E. Jr., and Harry of Crane; George and W. H. of Mountain Home, and Charles of Kerrville; five brothers, J. M. of San Antonio, G. H. of Crane, W. H. of Kent, Ben L. of Crystal City, and George Cowden of Pearsall; and three sisters, Mrs. James A. Day of Corsicana, and Mrs. Bernice Adams and Mrs. Ivan Stoker of San Antonio.

MRS. W. T. WHITTLE

MRS. W. T. WHITTLE, 63, died of a heart attack August 8 at the Whittle Ranch near Junction. Mrs. Whittle moved to Junction with her husband from their Edwards County ranch five years ago. She taught school in the Hill Country for more than 40 years.

Surviving besides the husband are: a brother, John T. Haynes of Silverton; three sisters, Mrs. J. K. Holderness of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Mary E. Daniel of Plainview and Miss Billie Haynes of Los Angeles, California.

MRS. GULLY COWSERT

MRS. GULLY COWSERT, 52, died August 12 in a Kerrville hospital following a lengthy illness. Wife of Ranger Captain Gully Cowsert of Junction. Mrs. Cowsert was an active worker in her community, especially in church and P-T-A work. She was the former Miss Mamie Keesee of Waco, and married Mr. Cowsert in 1921. They had lived in Junction since that time.

Survivors include the husband; a daughter, Mrs. W. T. Meriwether of Alpine; two sons, Kay Cowsert and Gully Cowsert, Jr., of Junction; four sisters, Mrs. Fred Joekel and Mrs. Loretta Reeves of Dallas, Mrs. C. M. Anding of Fort Worth and Mrs. J. M. McMurray of Shreveport, La.; and a granddaughter, Gay Merriwether of Alpine.

MRS. ARCH BENGE

MRS. ARCH BENGE, 69, succumbed August eighth in a San Angelo hospital following an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Bengé was born in Rusk County, Texas and had been a resident of San Angelo for 30 years.

She is survived by the husband, who came to West Texas in 1882 and has ranched in that vicinity for 50 years; three daughters, Mrs. John S. Braun of Midland, Mrs. H. J. Ramsey of San Angelo, and Mrs. C. T. Collins of Waco and three grandchildren.

W. L. FOSTER

W. L. FOSTER, 92, an organizer of Sterling County and first president of the First National Bank there, died at his home in Sterling City, August 23rd.

Born in Navarro County, W. L. and his brother, Bob, moved to Coleman County when W. L. was 18 years old. Mr. Foster was advised to move west because of his health. They built a one-room log cabin near Camp Colorado on Jim Ned Creek.

In 1880 he regained his health and drove 900 head of cattle to Doan's Crossing on Red River. For these cattle he received \$8,325. The Foster Brothers remained in Coleman County another year, then made a survey of water and range in the Sterling area. The land bordering Sterling Creek in Old Tom Green County took their eye and they settled there on Section 22, Block 13. The title was given them about four years after they took up residence. From the Coleman venture they had enough cattle left to stock the Sterling land. Foster holdings began to grow until at one time it included 99 sections. The country has since been divided between the children or sold. His land lay in Sterling, Coke, Glasscock and Mitchell counties and was bought at prices from \$2 to \$2.50 per acre and finally \$4. The latter price was considered too high then since grass land could be leased at 5 cents an acre.

Mr. Foster had served as a commissioner of Tom Green and Sterling counties when they were organized. He was president of the First National Bank in Sterling from the time it was founded in 1910 to January of this year. The Foster family moved from the ranch to town the year the bank was organized and their colonial home in Sterling City is one of the landmarks.

Survivors include his children, Miss Ethel Foster, Mrs. H. L. Hildebrand, R. T. Foster and Lester Foster, all of whom operate ranches in Sterling County. Eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren also survive.

J. H. CARTER

JAMES HERMAN CARTER, 56, ranchman, died of a heart attack at his home west of Mertzon, September 24. Mr. Carter had ranched in that section most of his life.

Surviving are his wife; one brother, Hamp Carter of Rankin; five sisters, Mrs. I. W. Ellis, Roswell, New Mexico; Mrs. Dan Cauthorn, Sonora; Mrs. C. C. Aiken, Houston; Mrs. T. P. Laudermilk, Mertzon; and Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Eldorado.

TOM SANDHERR

FUNERAL SERVICES were held at Sonora September 21 for Tom Sandherr, 78, retired ranchman of Sonora. Mr. Sandherr had ranched in the Sonora vicinity 45 years.

He was born at Drippings Springs, Texas, in 1872.

Mr. Sandherr is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Bill Galbraith; two granddaughters, Billie Lucinda and Deborah Jane Galbraith, all of Sonora; and two sisters, Mrs. Ola Taylor of Goliad and Mrs. Annie Martin, Del Rio.

J. M. HULING

J. MARSHALL HULING, 51, San Angelo, died in his sleep September 17. Mr. Huling, owner and manager of the San-Tex Feed and Mineral Company, was one of the best known and loved businessmen in West Texas.

Mr. Huling, called "Marshall" by his friends, was born and reared on a stock farm near Blair, Jackson County, in southwestern Oklahoma. He studied engineering in the University of Oklahoma before moving to San Angelo in the spring of 1920. Here he studied in the San Angelo Business College and after graduation returned to Oklahoma for farming. In 1929 he was named warehouse manager for the Anderson-Clayton Company at Sonora. Later he represented the Bay Chemical Company, manufacturers of a livestock mineral. After this firm ceased operations Mr. Huling started his own manufacturing plant in San Angelo.

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His son, James M. (Jake) Huling, and his brother, Jesse L. Huling, associated with him in the business, will carry it on.

JAMES W. BROWN

JAMES W. BROWN, 76, died in a Del Rio hospital September 9. Mr. Brown had ranched in the Carta Valley community twenty-five years. He was born in Montague County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Camp Brown; one son, Camp Brown; a daughter, Mrs. Otis Sims; two grandchildren, Mrs. Joe Davis and Sterling Camp Brown; also two great-grandchildren.

JIM BROWNRIGG

JIM BROWNRIGG (Cactus Jack), old time cowboy, 80, died at his home at Ozona, September 2. He was born in Baxter County in 1870. Surviving are his wife of Ozona; four sons, Earl, Big Spring; Ebbie, Royce and Earnest, Ozona; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

W. H. BRADBERRY

W. H. BRADBERRY, 79, resident of Nolan County over 50 years, died at his home in Sweetwater August 9. Mr. Bradberry ranched in the Mulberry Canyon area for 45 years.

Some four and one-half inches of rain fell in the Langtry area toward the last of September. Conditions are good. Pat Rose, Jr., on the Pecos near Pandale got about two inches. Austin Millsbaugh, about half way between Pandale and Ozona, got about three inches, cutting off road travel in that area for several hours. Most of West Texas ranges are in good to excellent conditions due to the September rains.

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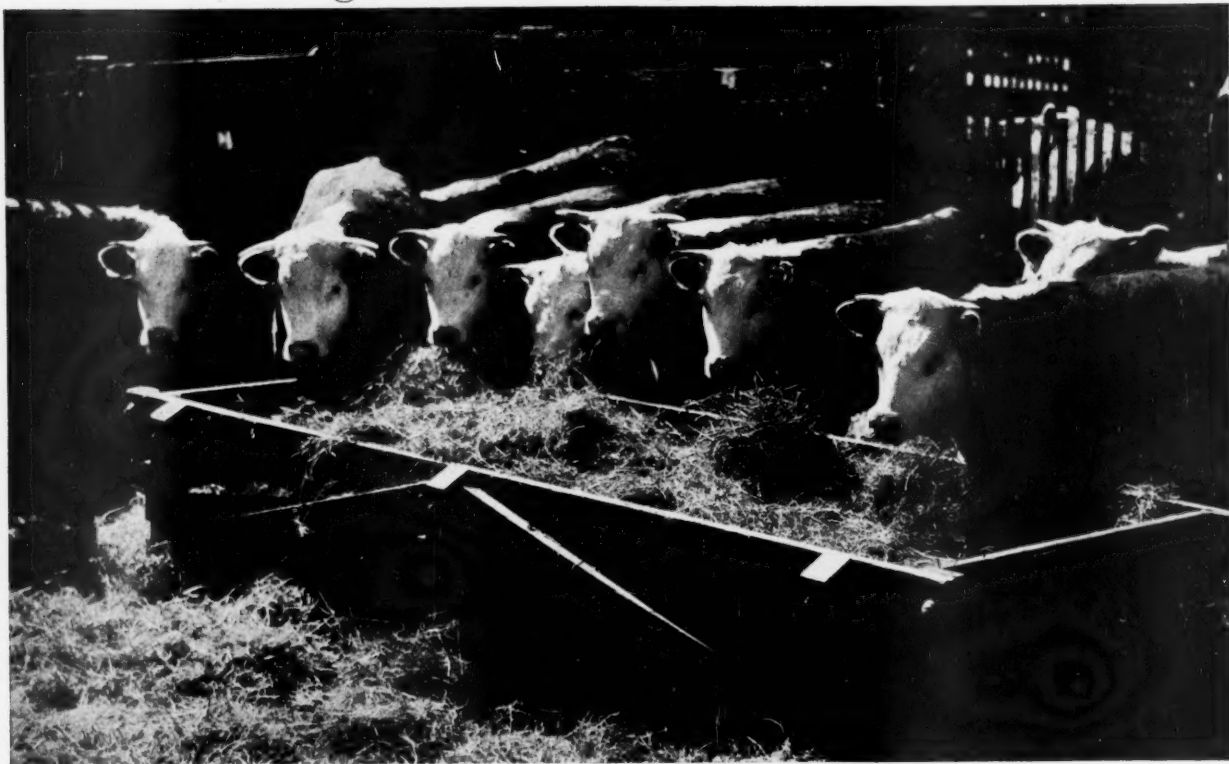
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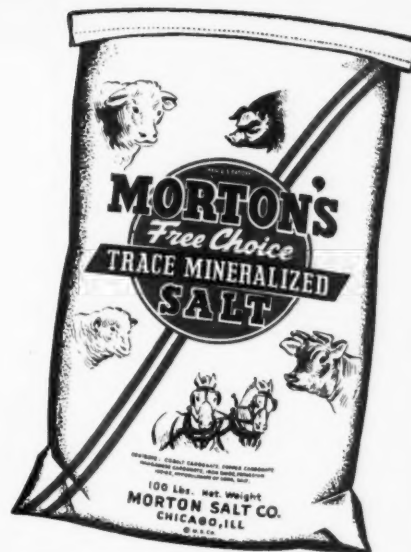
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